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CERVERA BOTTLED, CORKED AND LABELED,

Ready For Delivery. Schley Is Ordered To Keep Him In a "Warm, Damp Place."

Washington, May 30.----The govornment has mailed Gen. Merritt his instructions for the government of the Philippines. They bear throughout evidence of the intention of this government to preserve permanent control of the islands.

Washington, May 30.---No doubt but what Cervera is at Santiago and developments are expected soon. Kingston report that Schley is going to enter the harbor after Cervera is fully credited by some naval officers. All plans of the army are secret.

Washington, May 30.----The president expressed the confidence to a number of his callers this morning that Schley would attack Santiago today and continue the fight until Cervera's ships were captured or destroyed.

Washington, May 30.----The invasion of Cuba will take place this week. Gen. Miles leaves here for Tampa tonight. Under the present orders the troops will leave there Thursday. These orders were prepared last night, and sent to Gen. Shafter to commence embarking troops today. Six warships were ordered immediately to Tampa to convey soldiers to be joined by others Thursday.

Key West. May 30.----All condemned vessels are to be taken to New York as prizes. This step was made necessary because a ring, it was said had been formed by their owners to buy them below their value.

Key West, May 30.----Steep, the Scripp McRae correspondent sailed from Kanapaha this morning for Cuban coast. He goes to join Gomez to witness the arrival of Americans from shore.

Key West. May 30.----The steamer, Rostormel, was caught by St. Paul last Wednesday two miles from Santiago. St. Paul fired six blanks, then seventeen solid shots before Rostormel stopped after being hit by two solids. It is a large iron steamship of two thousand and twenty tons burden. The Bancroft failed to catch the alleged steamer, the Spanish cruiser it went after three days ago.

Van Couver, May 30.----The Spanish envoy is coming to investigate the shipping of coal to American ports. The Spanish consul claims to have sufficient evidence to warrant damages from England.

New York, May 30.----The British steamship, Laughton, arrived this morning, confirms recent reports that the Spanish fleet put in Curacoa for coal and provisions The sailors of the cruisers were in need of food.

Hong Kong, May 30.----Manilla advices say the Americans are suffering a few losses from diseases, chiefly dysentery and small-pox.

Washington, May 30.----Representative Otey, of Virginia, is the author of a bill to establish a dental corps in the United States army. The bill was referred to the committee on military affairs

London, May 30---The Standards Key West correspondent cables that 300 cavalry and 500 infantry from Gomez' army captured and held the town of Remedios Saturday The Spaniards numbered 3,000. The insurgents looted the town of its provisions just received there the day before the capture. Four Cubans were killed and three wounded Thirty-two Spaniards were killed and sixty-three wounded.

New York May 30.—The Auxiliary Cruiser St. Louis was ordered to sea without heavy guns, will probably take the place of Columbia which was injured in the collision.

Chicamauga, May 30.—Four privates of the third Wisconsin regiment of volunteers became suddenly ill yesterday, after eating pies given by visitors. The timely use of a stomach pump saved their lives. The pies when analyzed were found to contain strychnine, authorities are investigating.

Washington, May 30.—Indications this afternoon are that the first military expedition to Cuba will go to Santiago, and Gen. Miles may conduct the same personally.

Washington, May 30.—A reciprocity treaty was signed by the representatives of France and the United States, by which our pork, lard, canned meat, fruit, common wood, logs and hops will be allowed into France at a reduction of nearly fifty per cent of the present duty. The duty on French brandies, works of art and other articles will be reduced by this country from five to fifteen per cent, to take effect June 1st.

SUNDAY AT BLUE RIDGE

The Woodmen Unveil the Monument of Sovereign Akin With Appropriate Ceremonies.

The members of Magnolia Camp W. of W., assembled at their hall at 7:30 a. m., Sunday and proceeded to Blue Ridge, reaching there at 10:30. The camps from Blue Ridge, Anna, Farmersville, Merit, Melissa, and Allen had preceded them and all were escorted to Blue Ridge Hall, where they remained until they retired to allow the ladies to prepare dinner. On returning to the hall two long tables were found laden with a bounteous supply of good things of the culinary line from the numerous baskets which had been filled for the occasion.

After dinner the crowd proceeded to the cemetery, three miles north of town, forming a procession two miles long, with Sovereign Scott Allison, captain and W. L. Yarbrough, Master of ceremonies. The company formed about the grave in a wedge shape with the members of Magnolia Camp and the relatives of the deceased inside the wedge. After the unveiling Sovereigns King, Graves and Davis delivered excellent orations commending the action of Mr. Akin in providing for his family while living. He had paid into Magnolia Camp $10.90 and his family has received $2,000 and the monument has been erected by his brother sovereigns. The crowd was the largest ever assembled at Blue Ridge and the day will be long remembered by the host of visitors who join in tendering their thanks and appreciation for the kindnesses received at the hands of the good people of Blue Ridge during the day so pleasantly spent in their beautiful little city.

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YOUNG LADY'S DEATH

At Ballinger, the Sixth In a Family Of Seven-Formerly Lived In McKinney.

L. L. Mitchell has returned from Reynolds county, after an absence of several weeks. He brings the sad intelligence of the death of his sister, Miss Lavator L. Mitchell, which occurred May 25 at Ballinger. The young lady was a niece of Mrs. A. E. Gordon and a resident of McKinney until last January. Hers was the sixth death in a family of seven to result from that dread disease—consumption. Many friends here regret her early demise.

An Old Idea.
Every day strengthens the belief of eminent physicians that impure blood is the cause of most of our diseases. Twenty-five years ago this theory was used as a basis for the formula of Browns' Iron Bitters. The remarkable cures effected by this famous remedy are sufficient to prove the theory correct. Browns' Iron Bitters are sold by all dealers.

Commencement Begun.

At last that long looked for and much cherished occasion of school life, so replete with its white robed, "sweet girl graduates," its essays, and its stern array of faculties and school boards has arrived and the young folks with mingled joy and sadness are passing over the threshold dividing their school days from the period of life for which their school days have been intended to prepare them The commencement exercises of both the McKinney College and the City Public School began Sunday, the baccalaureate sermons for each being preached at the new Christian church. At 11 a.m., Eld. J. M. Campbell of Van Alstyne, delivered the annual sermon for the City Schools and at 8 p. m., Rev. G. C. Rankin, of Dallas, addressed the graduates of the McKinney College.

All other services were dispensed with in deference to the occasion and immense audiences listened to both discourses which were interesting and instructive.

WILL BATES KILLED.

Shot Sunday Evening By a Pistol In the Hands Of Phil Simonds.

Late Sunday afternoon the report of a pistol rang out on the quiet calm of the Sabbath and as a result of the shot Will Bates, a young negro living in the southwest part of town, was a corpse a few hours later. It seems that Will Bates and Phil Simonds both colored, were indulging in a friendly scuffle at the home of Bates and no hostile feelings were entertained by either party when Bates drew a pistol from his pocket and laid it in a drawer near by; a few minutes later Simonds picked up the revolver and as he shoved it against the side of his antagonist it was discharged. The ball entered the abdomen and Bates died shortly after 8 o'clock. Simonds was arrested.

Cutting and Shooting Affray.

About six o'clock Sunday afternoon a serious conflict occurred just in the rear of the buildings on the north side of the square in which Messrs Henry Foster and Sam Cates were the principals. The weapons used were a pistol and a pocket knife.

Rumor has it that after a short quarrel Foster fired a shot at Cates after which the men clinched, and Foster was seriously cut in the left side of the neck with a pocket knife but not dangerously hurt.

Buried in Westminster.

On Saturday the 28th the remains of Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone, notwithstanding his request for a quiet and simple interment, were laid to rest in Westminster Abbey, London, in the presence of a tremendous crowd of the great and lowly. The official program was replete with formality. Nearly all of England's celebrities were present.

The remains were placed beside the tomb of his life long adversary Disraeli (Lord Beaconsfield.)

Gladstone, was undoubtedly the leading statesman of the age.

From Chambersville.

May 30 '98.

Harvesting and chopping cotton is the order of the day.

Farmers are very much elated with the wheat and oat prospects. Corn and cotton are looking well.

Mrs. Robt. Eckels died at her home Friday evening and was buried here Saturday morning.

The family of Mr. H. C. Norvelle came out Saturday, and are the guests of their relatives, the Messrs. Farnsworth this week.

One day last week parties entered the house of Mr. William Lockhart, near here, while he and his sister were away, and took nearly all their wearing apparel. Some clue as to who the parties are but no arrests have been made.

Commencement at Plano.

Plano, Collin Co., Tex., May 29.—The graduating exercises of the public school here took place in the chapel hall of the college last Friday evening, there being eleven graduates, the largest number turned out in the history of the schools. The graduates were Misses Fannie Huffman, Virgie Frye, Bessie Cloyd, Ruby Hood, Mattie Moreman and Birdie Hughston; Messrs. Lon Huey, Sam Skiles, Will Mosely, Wilson Beaty and Dudley Miles. The first medal in music was awarded to Miss Davie Jasper, second medal to Miss Grace Bradshaw.

GENERAL NEWS.

A few days ago a stage was held up in Palo Pinto county and the mail bags cut open and plundered. On the 28th another hold-up occurred in the same section. While F. D. Thompson of Fort Worth was being conveyed from Grayham to Mineral Wells in a livery rig he was held up and robbed of $65 in cash and a gold watch.

Negroes are reported to have been threatened by White Caps, at Rockwall a second time and a larger part of them were preparing to leave Saturday. It is claimed that the negroes became insulting to white men and women, hence the origin of the band of white caps.

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"	No 3	9:47 a. m
"	No. 15	12:28 p. m
"	No 1	7:50 p. m.
South bound	No 2	8:21 a. m.
"	No. 16	3:07 p. m.
"	No 4	6:21 p.m.
"	Cannon Ball	10:05 p. m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger leaves.	9:28 a. m.
Local "	2:40 p. m.
Passenger, arrives.	4.55 p.m
Local "	10. 35 a. m

STAR ROUTES.

Leaves McKinney at 6 a. m. daily for Lebanon, Rockhill, Foncine, Prosper and Erudia.

Arrives at McKinney at 7 p. m. daily from Lebanon, Rockhill, Foncine, Prosper and Erudia.

Leaves McKinney at 1:30 p. m. daily for Weston, Roland and Chambersville

Arrives at McKinney at 11:30 a. m. daily from Weston, Roland and Chambersville.

Leaves McKinney at 7:30 a. m. daily for Celina, Vineland, Rhea Mill and Roseland.

Arrives at McKinney at 6 p. m. daily from Celina, Vineland, Rhea Mill, and Roseland.

Leaves McKinney at 1 p. m. daily for Blue Ridge, Altoga and Verona.

Arrives at McKinney at 12:30 p. m. daily from Blue Ridge, Altoga and Verona.

Leaves McKinney at 1 p. m. daily for Wylie and Lucas.

Arrives at McKinney at 12 m. daily from Wylie and Lucas.

Confederate Camp W. L. Cabbell of Dallas will give a picnic at Oak Cliff, July 4.

An order has been issued by the government, making Sabine Pass a sub-port of entry.

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We want you to know that we are prepared to meet your demands for Working Suits, Overalls, Jumpers, &c.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1898.

F. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor.
WALTER B. WILSON, Local Editor.

The Illinois state populist convention defeated fusion and nominated a full state ticket.

Hon. J. H. (Cyclone) Davis is canvassing the state of Oregon for the reform ticket. The election will occur June 6.

Pitchfork Tillman vouches for Maj. Sayers' democracy. The Major has been absent from Texas so long the natives down here are almost strangers to him. Hence all light possible as to his political views are acceptable from his intimates who, in the main, live abroad.

Omaha Exposition.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

All farmers who have good crops of either, wheat, oats, rye, barley, alfalfa or other grasses, fruits or vegetables and who, are disposed to show the world what our soil can do; are requested to deliver at this office on or before Saturday, June 4. a good sample sheaf of such grain or grass, also samples of fruits or vegetables with their name and address attached and same will be transported to Omaha Neb., and put on exhibition, solely for the purpose of advertising our county, no premium being offered.

Each sample will be displayed with name and address of each contributor.

E. W. KIRKPATRICK.

Horrible Weylerism.

The Washington Times gives the following horrible story to the world about the Butcher Weyler:

"A pathetic story, showing the private and unofficial character of one whom we are inclined to regard as a fiend incarnate, is told by a lady who resides in Washington, and whose husband until recently was an officer in the Spanish army.

During the regime of Weyler in Cuba, this gentleman was attached to a raiding column which went out into Havana Province and succeeded in massacreing the families of a number of Cubans who were with the forces in the field. In the course of the butchery, the officers of the expedition were attracted to a bright little Cuban boy, of three or four years and they concluded to spare him and take him back to Havana with them. On the way, becoming friendly with his captors, he lisped out a little patriotic song, in which Weyler's name was handled with more vigor than politeness, and the officers thought it such a good joke that they would let the captain-general enjoy it too.

So, one evening a few days after, the chief officers of the column took the little fellow up to the palace and got him to sing his song for the benefit of the great man. The latter was unable to appreciate the humor of the situation, and began to look black, as was his wont when anything did not please him. However, he called the small insurgent to his knee, and in his paternal way, took out his ivory-handled and gold-mounted revolver for the mite to admire. Pointing to the shining muzzle of the pretty plaything, Weyler told the baby prisoner to bite it, which he did—and the hyena blew the child's head off in the presence of his astonished guests. Immediately following this truly Weyleresque manifestation of his love for children, the husband of the lady who tells the story resigned from the Spanish army.

And this is the man who is more than likely to be military dictator of Spain within a week or two. Why does not he come over to Cuba again?

No More Rheumatism

It Had Troubled for Years, but Hood's Cured It

Stronger and Better in Every Way—Gained in Weight.

"I have been afflicted with a disease of the lungs, and my constitution has not been strong for many years. Several years ago I was taken with rheumatism in my left hip. It was not acute, but very troublesome, making it difficult for me to walk. My physicians told me my blood was in a bad condition and that I needed a blood purifier. I bought three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and when I had taken the first bottle I was greatly benefited. I took the second and third bottles and found that I had no more rheumatism. I gained five pounds in weight and was much stronger than before taking Hood's Sarsaparilla." J. E. BOZEMAN, Armour, Texas. Remember

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John Johnson and His Record.

Mr. Editor:—There has been some controversy before the public between Senator Gough and myself, relating to some of our votes cast while we were your representatives in the State Senate. I am now growing old and cannot expect to live long, but I do not feel willing to allow his charges, that I opposed public schools, churches, railways and other public improvements while I was in the constitutional convention and Senate, to remain unanswered and my children and grand children to be confronted with such false charges. He calls me a trator, a Judas Iscariot, and charges me with uttering falshoods etc. Now if he is correct in his charges against me, no respectable citizen should be found talking politics with me on the streets and if his charges are not true then no decent man should be found talking politics with him on our streets.

I submit the facts, as shown by the records, and leave the public to decide between us. He says of me, "He is the man who during his public service contributed more towards the squandering of our magnificent public domain than any other man in Texas." By reference to pages 342 to 344 of the Journal of the constitutional convention, it will be seen that a resolution to set apart public lands to be given to railways to be built in those parts of the state that did not have railways, was referred to a special committee of which I was a member and that I joined the majority of that committee in reporting against the passage of it and that in the convention we defeated the resolution, although the minority report, favoring its passage, was supported by such talent as Judge Stayton who was at one time Chief Justice of our supreme court.

As to his assertion that I have been opposed to public schools, I refer, first to a vote taken, as shown by the Journal of the constitutional convention, page 523, on the establishment and maintenance of public schools in our state when it will be seen that I voted for the provision in our constitution establishing our system of public schools and we carried it by a vote of 55 yeas to 25 nays. Second I refer the public to page 132 of the Journal of the senate of the 18th Legislature when it will be seen that Introduced the following amendment to the school law then under consideration: Sec. 3. "There shall be, annually, levied and collected an advalorem state tax of fifteen cents on the hundred dollars valuation on all property in the state, subject to taxation and a poll tax of one dollar on each male inhabitant in this state between the ages of twenty and six years, for the benefit of public free schools; and shall be, annually, set apart for the same purpose one fourth of the revenue of the state derived from occupation taxes; provided that if it shall be found that the amount of money to be derived from taxation, herein provided for and interest on permanent school fund and other sources of school revenue, other than local taxation, is more than sufficient, to run the public free schools of the state, annually for a longer period than five months, then the legislature shall have authority to reduce the rate of taxation herein fixed, so that said amount shall not fall below what is necessary to run said schools for five months in each year." I will here say in reference to this proposed amendment, that I favored it on two grounds; first that five months, in each year, is as long a term as the vast majority of children can attend school; and second, because, by experience, in educating my own children I had learned that they would advance more rapidly in learning if required to follow some industrial employment the other seven months.

I sent three sons to college who had been schooled under the system I advocated and I leave it to all who know the records they made then, if it is not a vindication of my ideas on the subject. Each of these led their classes in their respective colleges. Lastly, I refer to the fact, as the people of this community well know, I have always been among the most liberal contributors to public school buildings in and about McKinney. As an instance I refer to the Millican school house which was built at a cost of $600.00, of which I paid $300.00, this amount was assessed against me as taxes and while Throckmorton & Brown proposed to defeat the collection of the tax for a very insignificant fee of $5.00 I voluntarly paid it. I contributed $30.00 to the New Hope school house. I gave two acres of land to the Johnson school house; One acre to the Backbone school house, besides some amount of money, not now remembered; I gave two acres of land to the church at the Lowery bridge; I gave $15 to the Missionary Baptist church here; I gave $15.00 to the old Christian church and when it was blown down, I gave $15.00 more to rebuild it; I also gave $15.00 to the old Presbyterian church, and to the C. P. church $15; $15 to the Primitive Baptist church at Orchard Gap (and this was before I was a member of that church) and helped in repairs more than any other five members; I gave $15.00 to the Highland Baptist church; I gave $10.00 each to the Methodist and Baptist churches in the Millican community and $5.00 to the Christian church, which was all that I was asked for; Also I gave to the Holiness church $5.00, and I also gave various amounts, which I do not remember, to other churches throughout the county. Do these facts show that I have been opposed to schools and churches or do they show that Senator Gough has falsified the facts?

As to the statement that I never favored the building of railways, etc., I will state that when the H. & T. C. Ry., was being surveyed out and it was thought it might go through the west side of the county, instead of coming by McKinney, I donated to that road to help get it by McKinney 160 acres of black land which I am informed the R. R. Co., sold, without any improvements, for $1600. Mr. Gough can, if he cares to know the truth, learn the fact, from the deed records of Collin county.

He charges me with selling out the night before the penitentiary lease came to a vote, etc.; from page 166 to 178 of the senate journal, including five days of the session, the deliberations of the Senate on that measure can be traced and will show that I was present at every roll call except one and that I voted on 11 amendments, one adjournment and on the final passage of the bill. How he can pretend to tell the truth, in saying that I changed my opinion in a single night, if he has ever examined this record, is difficult to see. About twenty speeches, pro and con, were made during the time the resolution was pending, among which one was made by Senator W. O. Davis against the lease to which I replied, Mr. Davis being one of the ablest opponents of the measure. Any honest examination Senator Gough will make of the speech I then made against the measure will convince him that what I then said was the result of settled and fixed conclusions and not the result of a change of heart between two suns and of being bought out during the time between "two suns." In this case as in all other instances when the result of legislation was to tax the people or in anyway increase their burdens, I always made a fight against them and have the speeches to show for it. Where has he a speech to show that he done anything of the sort?

Again he charges that I was absent and at home for forty day attending to my own business and drawing $5.00 per day from the state. By examing the journal of the senate, second session page 132, it will be seen that I was excused on account of sickness; on page 144, I was indefinitely excused. This was on the thirty-seventh day of the session which lasted only 66 days, I was absent under indefinite leave only 30 days instead of 40. As to the false charge that I was attending to my own business, I will say I remained at Austin, too sick to attend the sessions of the Senate until about six days before adjournment, when I came home and was not then able for 10 days, as I recollect, to get out of the house to attend to any sort of business.

I also call attention to the fact, that the journal shows that up to the time I was excused on the 35 day of the session, when I was taken sick, I never missed but 5 roll calls. As to the charge of my voting myself $5.00 a day, etc, I will say that I voted in the Constitutional Convention, to allow $4.00 a day to members of that body and of the legislature when we were in fact allowed $8.00 per day and I left in the state treasury at the adjournment of the convention $80.00 of my pay which is there or ought to be yet.

Again, on page 908 of the House Journal of the 23rd legislature it will be seen that he voted for a bill providing for the payment of "registered and estimated deficiences for the state government from March 1st, 1893 to February 28th, 1895, and for Previous years." Now he charges that I do not know what these difficulties are, etc., I will submit, if the bill he voted for did not authorize the payment of all deficiencies running back to the founding of the state government and if such legislation would not bankrupt the state treasury? Claims already paid without being itemized or dated in years past, could be presented under his new law, and collected a second time.

By reference to the Senate journal of the 18th, legislature page 159, it will be seen that the judiciary committee No. 2, in their report on my bill requiring all accounts against the state to be itemized and sworn to did not think as Mr. Gough did, that existing laws already required such accounts to be itemized and sworn to, etc. Here is their language—"The committee are of the opinion that the laws now in force are sufficient to answer the purpose of this bill so far as it relates to the manner of Authenticating accounts before the issuances of warrants and that to require the Comptroller to recite in the warrants that the accounts now itemized, sworn to and filed would impose upon him trouble and inconvenience, without any benefit derived therefrom." It is a fact as shown by this report that no such law as my bill provides for, existed at that time. The committee did not say so; they only state "the laws now in force are sufficient to answer the purpose of this (my) bill." No such law has ever been enacted, yet we have Mr. Gough making this startling statement: "that there had not been fifteen cents paid out in the last twenty years for which there was not an itemized account, except when the amount is one fixed by law such as salaries, etc." This is not true and I have reason to believe that he knows it is not so.

I here call attention, in connection with his charge of my being absent from the senate sessions 40 days, which I have shown to be false and that my actual absence was from sickness, to his record in this particular. The journal of the regular session shows he was absent from roll call 269 times and two hundred of these without leave.

He claims that he was not present when the occupation tax bill was passed at the extra session. This bill was under consideration on the 21 and 22 days of the session, on the first of which, he was absent 20 times from roll call and on the second he was absent 18 times, total in the two days 38 times, without leave. And he paired one time, as voting yea, with Senator Wayland voting nay. On the morning of the 23rd, day he was excused on account of sickness in his family for which no complaint is made. But it will be seen from page 114 of the journal that the bill passed its last reading on the 22nd day of the session. Where was he those two days—the 21 and 22? Was he dodging and shirking? Let him tell what he was doing.

I here also submit to the public my record for punctual attendance during the first of the sessions of the Senate of which I was a member. I was in attendance 76 days and was absent only 21 times from roll call and no bill of importance was before the senate at any of these times. I was absent during the 34 days I was able to be in attendance on the second session only 3 times. Now I think I am justified in the light of these facts in asking the public if any member of any legislative body ever made a better record for faithfulness and punctuality than I did and also if any body ever made a worse one than Senator Gough?

Now in closing I call attention to the fact that the Senator certainly made a lofty tumble in his canvass for the irrigation amendment when he declared all sensible people were for it and it turned out that there were so few sensible people in the irrigation districts, and then put the finishing touch on his folly by circulating a one eyed amendment ticket to deceive the voters on the day of election.

All of which is submitted to a candid public and I am willing to accept such a verdict as public may render as to whether Mr. Gough or I have served the public the best and as to which of us has stuck closest to the truth in our public discussions.

Most Resp't.,
JOHN JOHNSON.

P. S. I have taken great pains to get all the above facts down correctly, as shown by the records, and if I have misstated anything I will gladly correct the same when shown that I am mistaken. Now will Senator Gough correct his falsehoods and be fair with the public? It will be remembered that I never was met by the truth nor the records. Always have been met by false statements against me. I was forced to give the above facts of my record or go down in my grave as a traitor and a heathen.

JOHN JOHNSON.

Samantha at Saratoga, in a New Dress.

One of the funniest of all the funny books is certainly "Samantha at Saratoga." Will Carleton pronounces it "delicious humor" and Bishop Newman says it is "bitterest satire, coated with the sweetest of exhilarating fun." Formerly published by subscription at the price of $2.50, and sold, it is said, by the hundred thousand, it has recently been issued in an exquisite little cloth bound volume in the "Cambridge Classics" series by the celebrated cheap-book publishers, Hurst & Co., of New York, as a means of widely advertising that series, and is sold at the fabulously low price of 25 cents. It would seem strange if they should not sell a million of them. They are sold by booksellers, or the publishers direct.

Wetsel Winding.

May 30, '98.

Wetsel literary elected new officers Saturday night. T. O. Murray, president, Will Wilson, vice-president; Miss Nellie Wetsel, secretary; Miss Lola Denis, assistant secretary; Bunk Wetsel, editor.

The school trustee election will be held Saturday June 4th at Wetsel.

Charley Moore of Denison who has been visiting friends and relatives here returned to his home Sunday night.

George Shields is able to be up at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Young of Whites Groves were in Wetsel community last week.

G. T. Allen and wife of near Liberty were guests of Mrs. Joe McMahan last Saturday.

John Tuscome and Edgar Tuscome of near Weston attended the literary at Westel Saturday night.

Mrs. Lula Moore of Denison is visiting friends and relatives here.

Wetsel should have a flag raising.

J. A. McMahan attended Sunday school at the grove Sunday.

C. A. Brown and Miss Mollie Scott of Whites Grove attended the literary at Wetsel Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraze were shopping in town one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Annie Scott were guests of Mrs. Joe McMahan Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Epps was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Horn near Bowlby one day last week.

The prayer meeting at Mr. Hudson's was well attended Sunday night

T. O. Murray attended Sunday school at the Grove Sunday.

JIM CROW.

Do You Know the Virtues.

Of the waters and climate of Eureka Springs, Ark.? Do you want to know? We have a booklet on the subject which is yours for the asking; it is free. Address B. L. Winchell, General Passenger Agent, Frisco Line, St. Louis.

TUESDAY MAY 31

The McKinney Public Schools closed this morning, perhaps the most sucessful term of its existence, very appropriate addresses were delivered to the entire school by both Supt. C. O. Smith and Principal I. A. Armstrong. Promotion cards were awarded the deserving pupils and they were dismissed for the summer vacation. The commencement exercises will take place at the opera house tonight.

The enviable reputation gained by the McKinney College at its numerous concerts in the past was fully sustained by the exercises at the opera house and even new laurels were added to the honors formerly achieved by this worthy institution at its annual concert last night. A lengthy program was rendered by the classes in music and elocution and each performer showed a marked ability if not a decided genius in the arts to which they had devoted their earnest efforts during the term just closed. The audience was highly entertained and the concert was pronounced a grand success and great praise is due to the members of the music and elocutionary departments and the College generally.

May Rainfall.

Rainfall in May 1898 as reported by C. B. Moore at Advalorem Collin Co. Texas, six miles north of McKinney;

May 4	.3750	inches.
" 5	.7500	"
" 9	.1250	"
" 10	.2500	"
" 19	1.5000	"
" 21	.5000	"
Total	3.5000	"

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We Have the Enemy on the Hip.

And Will Make the Most of Our Advantage.--The Troops Preparing to Embark.

Madrid, May 31—In the cortes last night Sagasta declared there were no negotiations on foot with ny power for conclusion of peace or interference in behalf of Spain.

Key West, May 31.—Advices from the American fleets are to the effect that, an effort will soon be made to draw out the Spanish squadron. To this end the bombardment of the fortifications at Santiago will soon be ordered.

Tampa, May 31.—News was received of the landing of Capt. Dorst's expedition on the east coast of Cuba by the Florida, which left Key West on the 21st inst.

Atlanta, May 31.—A strong effort is being made to make Atlanta the concentrating point for the volunteers under the second call.

Boston, May 31.—The Boston Fruit Co. received a cablegram from the steamship Belvidera which is ashore and abandoned on the south side of Maysi at this extreme eastern point of Cuba. The Belvidera is laden with fruit. Vice President Capote of the Cuban republic was believed to have been a passenger.

Chattanooga, May 31.—The 157th Indiana regiment was preparing to leave tonight for Tampa.

New York May 31.—A dispatch received here says that three of Cervera's ships tried to escape from Santiago but upon sighting Schley's squadron went back to cover.

Washington May 31.—Lew Wallace will doubtless be commissioned Brigadier General of volunteers.

Kew West, May 31.—Everything is quiet off Havana this morning.

Key West, May 31.—The Florida has landed 500 Cubans to join Gomez. They have plenty of food and ammunition for the entire army.

Hong Kong, May 31.—Letters dated Manilla May 27th state that there is much sickness aboard the Cruiser Boston which is said to be due to eating fish poisoned by Spanish marketmen. Dewey promised that if the Spaniards would refrain from strengthening their refences he would do no bombarding. But a week ago the Spanish were observed to be violating their pledge. Dewey fired a shot over their heads as a warning. No one was hurt. It is needless to say that they stopped work.

Washington May 31.—Military and Naval officials this morning admit that Santiago is the objective point for which the Army is now leaving Tampa.

Chicago, May 31.—One hundred Naval reserves will leave for Norfolk to-morrow for the Cruiser New York.

Mobile, May 31.—The fourth army corps is preparing to embark. They expect orders to go to Cuba any hour. The fifth cavalry will embark in twenty four hours and are destined probably for Porto Rico. The officers are reticent concerning their destination.

Lincoln Neb. May 31.—Wm. J. Bryan received an offer from Governor Stevens, of the next Colonelcy of the Missouri Volunteers. Mr. Bryan replied that he was not yet at liberty to accept.

Washington May 21.—Gen'l Long says that we have the enemy on the hip and will make the most of our opportunity.

Washington, May 31.—Ambassador Hay informs the state department, that Churchmens Union in England while in session May 11th passed resolutions of sympathy with the United States, hoping that in future years the ties of brotherhood between U. S. and Great Britain might be strengthened.

BOMBARDMENT REPORTED.

The Enemy Reports A Victory at Santiago. No Official Reports Received.

Key West.—The Nucas and Leydon of the Mosquito fleet destroyed the block front at Mantanzas harbor last Monday. It is reported that several soldiers were killed. The Government dispatch boat reports all quiet at Havana, Cienfuegos and Cardenas. The story of the reported engagement at Santiago is doubted here.

Washington, June 1st.—No official news of Schley's reported bombardment at Santiago had been received early this morning at the department.

Boston, June 1st.—The ram Katahdin attempted to get away from the Navy yard yesterday. But her engines broke again and she was towed back to the decks.

Key West, June 1st.—The Spanish steamer Pedro, the prisze captured by the New York, is valued at $200,000.

Washington, June 1st.—Captain J. E. Brady, Jr., of the signal service, was appointed Censor of the Telegraph and Mails at Tampa. This it is presumed will be for the sake of covering the movement of troops which, probably have already begun.

Madrid, June 1st.—The official Gazette publised a royal decree authorizing the issue of an internal loan of one billion pecetas at four per cent.

Key West, June 1st.—The British Vice consul has received a telegram from the Britis consul general at Havana asking him to warn all American or British newspaper correspondents not to attempt to go to Cuba. Especially by the means adopted by Knight, Robinson and Whigam who are now in prison.

Washington, June 1st.—According to reports received here Schley bombarded Moro, La Socapa, Punta Gorda and the principle forts at the entrance of Santiago harbor. The firing commenced at 2 o'clock, and lasted two hours. Little if any damage was done to the American ships. Reports come from Hayti evidently by cable from the Spaniards in Santiago. Nothing is heard from Madrid.

Washington, June 1st.—At 12:30 this morning the Navy department said they had received nothing from Schley on the reported bombardment of Santiago, or the repulse of two Spanish torpedo boats by the Texas and the Brooklyn Sunday night last.

Tampa, June 1st.—Govenor Pingrer is going to furnish shoes for the entire 32nd Michigan regiment.

Washington, June 1st.—The Naval officers are inclined to believe the report of the Santiago encounter grew out of an attempt made by the Spanish ships to dash out of the harbor and attack the American ships and escape to sea. It is expected that Cervera will make a desperate move rather than to calmy await the destruction of his fleet in the harbor.

Madrid, June 1st.—Senor Aunon, minister of Marine, received notice that the American squadron had been repulsed at Santiago.

Madrid, June 1st.—Aunon says official dispatches declare that the American squdron bombarded the forts entrance at Santiago harbor, firing 60 shots. The forts replied. Crostobel Colon went to the mouth of the harbor and that the Americans were repulsed with one American cruiser disabled.

Key West, June 1st.—Commodore Watson received news of the eastern fleet yesterday. The St. Louis captured the Alfonso the thirteenth. It wasnecessary for him to put 17 shots into the Alfonso before he took her. The Detroit chased a large steamer last night but the latter escaped.

Atlanta Ga., June 1st.—Dr. Emil Ferrer and family, and Mr. Rodrignez and family of Havana arrived here today. They say the people of Havana are starving. And that, if the American army don't hasten the work of invasion they will be confronted with a large graveyard instead of prosperous city when they arrive at Havana

Mobile, June 1st.—The authorities profess to know nothing of a hurried departure of troops today. There has been no commencement of a forward movement, although the approaching of an early move is clearly indicated.

Washington, June 1st.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon it was stated at the navy department that no word had been received of the Santiago bombardment. The officers think the rumors are exagerated.

Key West, June 1st.—It is thought that there were ten to twenty Spaniards killed in the bombardment of the Matanzas blockhouse last Monday.

MILITARY COMPANY.

McKinney Will Have Another To Offer The Governor as Soon as He Makes His Call.

The local military company met in the city hall Monday night as agreed at a previous meeting. No important communication or matter of business was up for transaction as the governor had not yet made the call for Texas' quota and no one knew just upon what terms volunteers would be accepted. The boys are bent on going as a company if possible as they justly feel that Collin county is entitled to a company inasmuch as surrounding counties have been thus honored, some having furnished two and even more companies. Mack O'Gilvie, who will join the company with a Melissa squad, was present. It was stated that the Piano lieutenant, Court Overaker, could not go with the company owing to the severe sickness of his father but about 30 other boys from that city are ready to go. The total number signed at McKinney up to Monday night was 76, so the required number is thus assured. Meanwhile recruits will constantly be added until the full company shall have been mustered in.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights were fixed as the times for drilling, the boys meeting each stated night at 8:15 at the city hall and march to place of drill at Ralli Bros.' cotton wharf.

REV. KING HONORED.

Comments By the Weekly Commonwealth of Scotland Neck, N. C.

Rev. E. E. King, D. D., left Tuesday morning for his far-away western home in McKinney, Texas. He preached twice a day for ten days in the Baptist church and "the people heard him gladly."

Dr. King is a most affable and cultured gentleman as well as an able and forceful preacher. His sermons showed much thought and careful preparation and were well received from the first to the last. At the conclusion of his sermon Monday night many in the congregation came forward to bid him farewell and to leave with him a word of appreciation for his faithful and helpful work.

Dr. King was a class mate of Rev. R. T. Vann at the theological seminary, and his stay here was peculiarly pleasant to Mr. Vann.

The Texas divine was greatly pleased with the beauty and hospitality of Scotland Neck and ties of friendship were formed between him and those whom he met that will last through life.

Dr. King came here from the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk, and whenever he comes this way again he will receive a warm welcome, for he won all hearts of both Christians and those who are not. He left a benediction for the town and our people and it was heartily reciprocated by all.

SHERMAN RIFLES.

Received By Big Crowd at Depot Tuesday Evening.

Quite a number of our citizens turned out Tuesday evening to see the Sherman Rifles pass through on the 6:20 southbound Houston & Texas Central for Galveston where they will be enlisted in the volunteer army of the United States to defend its flag wherever sent or called upon. Among the number was Ed Thomas, son of J. W. Thomas of this city, and brother of Jim Thomas now of company E, 2nd Texas Regiment, now in camp at Mobile.

Sherman gave the boys an elegant banquet the night before their departure and presented a flag to the company.

Texas is leading all Southern states in patriotism in the present war and no state north or south has responded with more alacrity to the call for troops. All unite in honoring our flag and those who hazard their lives for its honor and glory.

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With this wreck of the system comes falling of the hair and eyebrows, loss of finger-nails, and decay of the bones—a condition most horrible.

But there is a cure for Contagious Blood Poison. Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) has been curing it for fifty years, and is the only remedy which will have the slightest effect upon it. It forces the poison from the system, and removes all trace of the taint.

I was afflicted with a terrible blood disease, which was in spots at first, but afterwards spread all over my body. These soon broke out into sores, and it is easy to imagine the suffering I endured. Before I became convinced that the doctors could do no good, I had spent a hundred dollars, which was really thrown away. I then tried various patent medicines, but they did not reach the disease. When I had finished my first bottle of S. S. S. I was greatly improved and was delighted with the result. The large red splotches on my chest began to grow paler and smaller and before long disappeared entirely. I regained my lost weight, became stronger, and my appetite greatly improved. I was soon entirely well, and my skin as clear as a piece of glass.
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After suffering twelve years from Contagious Blood Poison, being treated by several of the best physicians, my condition grew steadily worse, and I was finally declared incurable. I had spent two hundred dollars with the doctors and was a great deal worse than at first, and gave up all hope of recovery. I afterwards took many patent medicines but they had no effect whatever. A friend persuaded me to try S. S. S., and I saw its good effect from the first. The improvement continued and, after taking twenty bottles, I was cured sound and well, and for eight years have had no sign of the disease.
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A book on the disease and its treatment will be mailed free. Address Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

Charged With Embezzeling.

Omaha, Neb., May 27.—(Special to the Courier.)—W. F. Bechel, chairman of the city council, and T. K. Sudburrough, were arrested today, charged with embezzling several thousand dollars from the Pacific Express Co. Belcher was auditor, Sudburrough assistant.

Six Men Drowned.

Middleport, Pa., May 27.—(Special to the Courier.)—Water from old works broke into Dodson coal mine yesterday, drowning six men.

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FARMERSVILLE BUDGET.

May 27, 1897.

Harrison Johnson, while riding his bicycle and carrying a mowing blade on his shoulder, last Monday had his arm severely cut. It came near severing the artery in the wrist. Luckily however, the wound though quite painful, is doing as well as could be expected.

We regret very much to hear of the death of Frank Vernon, the young son of W. N. Vernon, of Rockwall. He was sick only a short time.

Last Sunday evening Mr. Robt. Garner and Miss Laura House, accompanied by several friends, drove to the home of Esq. Self, and in a few words the officer of the law made them man and wife. These young people are widely and favorably known in this community, and many friends unite in wishing them a happy voyage through the coming years of life.

Mrs. Joe Crouch, of McKinney, was visiting in the city last week.

Rev. W. D. Chapman we learn has been very ill for the past few days.

Rev. Mr. Drew preached at the Christian church last Sunday morning and night. His next appointment here will be the 4th Sunday in June.

W. E. Bradley, of Greenville, was in the city Sunday.

Mrs. Ivy York is in the city on visit to relatives and friends.

James McMakin, of Greenville, came over Sunday morning and spent the day in our city.

J. R Whorton, who is traveling for the McCormick Machine Co., left Sunday evening for Van Alstyne and other points. Jack is a rustler from away back.

Houston Ditzler is spending this week in east Texas, on a visit to his father's family.

Geo. Hardin was in Nevada Saturday, on legal business.

John R. Smith, Geo. Hardin and T. F. Vaughan are in the western part of the county this week canvassing.

Mrs. A. W. Knighton and daughter, Miss Katie, of McKinney, were visiting in Farmersville last week.

The populists of precinct No. 2 in pursuance to a call by the precinct chairman, met in convention at Farmersville Saturday for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the county convention to be held at Farmersville on May 28.

Serious Accident.

A Mr. Lokey, a well-known farmer, who lives ten miles east of the city, was hurt Thursday in a runaway. His team of mules became unmanageable and ran away, throwing him from the wagon lascerating his face in a terrible manner. Physicians were summoned and his injuries were dressed, but his condition is considered serious.

Collision.

Chattanooga, May 27.—(Special to the Courier.)—An accommodation and freight train collided this morning, killing three persons.

THE NEW WAY.

WOMEN used to think "female diseases" could only be treated after "local examinations" by physicians. Dread of such treatment kept thousands of modest women silent about their suffering. The introduction of Wine of Cardui has now demonstrated that nine-tenths of all the cases of menstrual disorders do not require a physician's attention at all. The simple, pure

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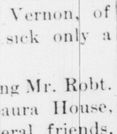

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LOCAL NEWS

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

THURSDAY, MAY 26.

Messrs. W. P. Suttle, G. W. Fox, W. H. Sims, and Joe Ware are fishing on East Fork today.

Messrs Sam Welch and Jim Rhea will visit Rock Hill this afternoon in the interest of the Military company now being organized.

Subject of Dr. Tyler's sermon tonight: "A New Heart," Meeting continues with unabated interest.

Mr. J.W. Pershon, McKinney's popular dairyman, is looking as pleasant as a fresh blo-wn May rose today—says it's a baby boy.

Mr. John Davis and wife, of Dallas are visiting relatives in the city.

FRIDAY MAY 27.

Dr. N. B. Harlow, of St. Louis, is the latest recruit to McKinney's list of professional citizen.

Mr. Jordan, a Farmersville dry goods merchant, is attending county court.

Rev. E. W. Alderson, of Sherman, is attending the general conference of the M. E. church at Baltimore. He is well known in McKinney.

Mrs. S. O. Newton, of Farmersville, who has been visiting the family of W. A. Parker, returned home this afternoon.

Miss Ollie Greenlee and little Willie Greenlee of Denison, are at Mr. Ed Hinman's.

Mrs. Walter Cox arrived last evening from Fort Sill, I. T., to remain with relatives here during the absence of her husband who is in the United States army now about to embark for Cuba at Tampa, Fla.

A very pleasant birthday party was given by Miss Beulah Mattison, at their home on South Wilcox street last evening, and the youngsters had a most enjoyable time from 6 to 9.

The meeting at the Christian church continues. There have been confessions at each service this week, 23 since Sunday night. About 40 in all since the meeting began. Dr. Tyler will preach tonight, tomorrow night and Lordsday at 3:30 p. m.

SATURDAY MAY 28.

Mrs. Mattie Webb returned today from a visit to relatives in Oak Cliff.

Revs. King, Morgan, and Cameron are attending the 5th Sunday meeting at Altoga.

Mr. J. J. Murphy, of the P. F. Collier publishing house, is here for a few days placing works of our different standard authors on the installment plan.

The commencement sermon of the City Public Schools will be preached at the Christian church tomorrow morning by Rev. J. M. Campbell, of Van Alstyne, and that of the Collegiate Institute at the same place at night, by Rev. G. C. Rankin, of Dallas.

The Woodmen will unveil the monument of a deceased sovereign at Blue Ridge tomorrow. Rev. E. E. King will conduct the services.

Miss Lillie Jennings, of Temple, is visiting her uncle Mr. J. B. Jennings.

Plano is arranging for a grand picnic on July 7th. Half fare rates will be given by the H. & T. C and Cotton Belt.

Mrs. W. H. Bertrand left this a. m. for a visit to Hillsboro.

Mr. Chas. Bush is in Dallas on business today.

Mrs. R. A. Welch left this morning for a month's visit to Oakland, I. T.

Miss Stella Eubank and mother left yesterday for their home at Boonville, Mo.

Rev. J. M. Robertson, formerly pastor of the Baptist church here will preach at Altoga tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Homer Hill is in Greenville visiting friends.

The protracted meeting at the Methodist church will begin about June 10. The great singer W. A. Hemphill, will lead the music, and the pastor will have other pastoral help.

The subject at the Christian church tonight is: "The creed of Christendom." Communion service tomorrow at 3:30 p. m. when Dr. Tyler will preach on "Christian Union."

Two big threshing machines and engines were unloaded here this week for Messrs. Tidwell, of Celina and Griffin & Lewis. Several mowing machines have been sold during the week by local implement dealers.

New Town.

Tacoma, May 26.—(Special to the Courier)—Fifty women gathered in two weeks. Going to Alaska to start a new town and will call it New Chicago.

The Elocution Recital.

Many of McKinney and several visitors from the surrounding country filled the opera house Friday evening to do honor to the 3 graduates in elocution of the class of '98 of the McKinney College. The graduates who did full justice to themselves and reflected much glory on their worthy teacher, Prof. J. R. Powell, were Misses Fannie Margaret Allen, Annie Belle Mathews and Mrs. Mattie Horn Oates.

The recitations were all that natural talent, patient study, proper training, graceful gestures and suitable expression could make them.

The scenes from Macbeth by Miss Mathews and Mrs. Oates were highly tragic and splendidly acted.

The classical statuary so gracefully and beautifully posed by Miss Allen caused the audience to long to see more niches from an art gallery.

The vocal and piano solos performed by Miss McCracken, Prof. Horne, Misses Maggie Shain and Kate McAulay were delightful.

Prof. Powell's reading (by request) was proof to all, that he is quite an artist in his chosen profession.

With a few chosen words Prof. Powell presented the diplomas and a benediction was pronounced by Eld. R. C. Horn of Vineland.

THE UNION SINGING CLUB.

Pursuant to announcement a number of singers met at the Methodist church and consummated a permanent organization of the Union Singing Club Friday night. Several of the parties invited however, were not present owing to the numerous other attractions in the city; the following named parties were requested to meet at the Methodist church at 2 p. m. Sunday, together with all others who desired to join the club, and it will be understood that those absent without a good excuse do not desire to join the club.

Mesdames C. P. Heard, Sims, Fitzhugh, Forbes, Pardue, Fred Emerson, Pierce, Jno. Erwin, Robt. Erwin, Bolton, Howell Smith, Jennie Wilcox, J. W. Hill, Lovejoy, Barnett, Johnson, Fant, Mangum, Beverly, Harpole, McAulay, Stacy, Keen; Misses Linnie Johnson, Thomas, Lula Allison, Mamie Page, Myrtle Fox, Adelle Rhine, Fannie Howell, and Messrs. Plemmons Horne, Carrol, C. P. Heard, O'Gwin, Saunders, G. Adams, Hughes, Hammond, Sullivan, Melton and H. Hill.

Harvesters and Separators.

Activity upon the part of our harvesters, would infer that there will soon be a wide field open for their labors. There has been only flattering reports from crops growing all over this county up to this time. No rust, blight, smut nor insect have appeared to damage the grain in the least. The soil and climatic conditions are such, that this might be said to be a wheat growing county. The farmers are learning that with suitable seasons and with the same cultivation and care that is required to produce the cotton weed, if bestowed upon grain culture, the yield might be largely increased. Threshers and separators are being overhauled by local machinists in order to have everything in readiness for maturing harvest fields.

Explosion.

Haxardville, Conn., May 27.—(Special to the Courier.)—An explosion occurred this morning at the Haxardville powder works, two are reported killed.

Accidental Drowning

Laplata, Mo., May 27.—(Special to the Courier.—Claud Bragg, aged 12 years and Luttie Bull, aged 7, were drowned in a pond here yesterday. The girl fell into the pond and the boy attempted to rescue her when both were drowned.

Fire In Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., 3 p. m.—(Special to the Courier.)—A big fire is now raging in the business portion of the city, some where near the T. & P. brick depot.

IN CHICAGO.

Dear Little Girl—Mamma, what's the difference between matrimony and alimony?

Mrs. Lake Front—A divorce.

The Nicaragua canal is now a question of national importance. Connection between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans is a dire necessity. Such a passageway would have saved the Oregon 10,000 miles in its perilous journey from the Pacific board. Commercially speaking the canal would be a great boon for American interests.

FROM MOBILE.

Two Interesting Letters From the McKinney Soldiers.

To the Courier.

In camp near Mobile, May 24.—To the Texas volunteers here each day brings entirely new experiences, some too, that are not "altogether lovely," yet for the most part we are entirely satisfied, as we knew before leaving McKinney that our mission was not to revel in the every-day pleasures of a duke or the privileges of a U. S. senator.

I have several times resolved to give our home people some information of what we do here and how we spend our time, but being anxious to learn all I can of military tactics, I have daily attended the "school of instructions" to the neglect of my duties towards the Courier and its readers. If I am allowed, in this letter, to "narrate contractions" I will briefly tell something of the rules and orders we are under and the duties we have to perform.

At 5:20 in the morning the bugles blow for the much despised "reveille" and every man from captain to "high private in the rear rank" has to rise hurriedly, dress and bathe in fifteen minutes to be ready for roll call at 5:45. At 6 o'clock we are called into line and marched to the "mess sheds" for breakfast. After "mess" the tents are cleaned up and all the rubbish in and around the company street is cleaned up and burned, which requires about thirty minutes time, after which we have one hour and thirty minutes rest. At 8 o'clock the bugle calls the hour of drill and for two hours we arouse the envy (nit) of the regulars on the drill grounds 400 yards from our camp. From 10 to 12 o'clock are rest hours, when we are called into ranks for dinner at 11:15. For all except officers and squad leaders who attend the school of instruction, from 12:15 to 4, are rest hours. The school of instruction lasts from 1:30 to 2:30 p. m. each day except Saturday and Sunday, when no duties are performed except inspection, roll call, etc. The boys usually put in these days bathing and washing their clothes.

We now have emergency orders for the next few days to drill from 4 to 5 and 7:15 to 8:15 p. m. These orders I think are given to prepare the Texas regiment for duty in Cuba in the near future.

Eight guards for day and night sentinels are detailed from each company every evening at 6 o'clock to walk regimental sentinels. The above duties cover all regular rules, but numerous special orders are received daily, but the duties are small and of short duration.

The second regiment of the Texas Volunteers Infantry arrived here yesterday morning and are trying their skill at pitching tents, digging ditches, cutting wood, etc. The McKinney boys—Dudley Perkins, Press Duncan and Jim Thomas were well and glad to come nearer the scene of real hostilities but were somewhat worried over the trip. They were 72 hours en route having been 24 hours in their cars at New Orleans and 12 hours on the tracks in Mobile before coming out to the camp.

May 25.—Last night was an exciting time in Company E. for the McKinney boys. Will Smith has not been well since we arrived at Austin and has been somewhat worse since our arrival here, and at last night's drill he became over-heated and gave down in the ranks. For several minutes it was thought he would not recover but in less than an hour he was convalescent and is up today. The doctor has forbidden him going on the field for several days. Burt Hunt gave down in the ranks this morning but is better now. All the other boys are in good health.

While on the parade grounds this morning we witnessed a skirmish in two regiments of the regulars. It is a sight well worth seeing, as is, also, their guard mount and other field movements.

The Texas Volunteers have been highly complimented by the regulars and their officers, and are pronounced the best regiment of volunteers who have come south on this call.

The 2nd regiment band came over to our regimental headquarters last night and gave us a 2-hour concert. Every regiment on the ground has a band and we are hourly treated to splendid high-class music.

The boys of Co. E, offer cheers to the new company at home and if they decide to go to Cuba we will lead the march and "guard the sentinel," but if they come "only as a company" and under their own officers Uncle Sam will disown them in the beginning, as he only wants unselfish patriotic Americans who will volunteer unconditionally. C. C. W.

Mr. Dudley Perkins writes that on Friday morning, May the twentieth, found the boys of 2nd Reg. all astir, packing knap-sacks and making preparations to start on the six o'clock train for Mobile. While most of us rejoiced at the near prospects of active service we could not entirely suppress the feeling of regret caused by farewell to our grand old state and Texas friends.

Our trip was a very plesant one and part of it intensely interesting to me, the sight of deserted plantations and the ruins of elegant southern homes, whose masters were once called "the aristocrats of the world" stirred the heats of the boys. The lost cause was freely discussed, for awhile.

Col. Openheimer proved himself equal to the emergency in New Orleans, we think him the man for the position he holds and feel that we can safely follow such a leader.

We are encamped about four and one half miles from Mobile, on the old Confederate battle field at Crystal Springs. This is in itself rather awe inspiring as we would not willingly desecrate the graves of our dead heroes. The intrenchments are still intact, but the breast works are covered with trees and our tents are pitched in a pine forest. This is a good place for dreaming, one of the boys had a glorious one the other night, thought he was in Cuba, and heard the shout of victory, but lo! it was only the call to reveille at five o'clock in the morning.

I noticed in the Dallas News another call for volunteers, tell the boys at home, we know they will be warmly welcomed into ranks by Uncle Sam. Texans down here are considered pretty good looking fellows and not lacking in soldiery qualities. Our boys are well, and need only the order "forward to Cuba" to complete their happiness.

A WAR SONG.

(Composed by Frank Anderson of Co. F. 3rd Reg. and dedicated to the Lyon's Sherman Inf. Quartette. Tune of A Hot Time.)

Come along and get your musket for
there's going to be a fight,
Uncle Sam has pressed the button,
Don't you think he's in the right?
On his mind's the Maine disaster and
the starving Cubans brave,
Makes him want to send the Spaniards
to a mighty hasty grave.

Now since you've heard that the fighting has begun,
"Remember the Maine" and start with your old gun,
And to the front press on and do your duty well.
There'll be a hot time for the Spaniards in hell.

(Chorus.)

When you hear that the bombardment has begun,
We'll storm Moro Castle with our great big guns,
And when Havana falls our flag over Cuba will wave,
There'll be a hot time for the Spaniards that day.

There will be guns for everybody in the Lone State,
Let us make haste with our comrades, not a man of us be late,
To avenge the awful murder and Our Country's flag defend,
On the land or on the sea, fight them to the bitter end.

Please, oh please let the Third Texas in the fray,
Call us out and let us go to-day.
For we are bound to fight, at home we will not stay,
For we want revenge at Camp Mabry to-day.

we will follow Capt. Lyon, for we know that he's alright,
For we little boys in blue, are going to the Philipines to fight.
And when we capture Manila and the Spaniard's send to hell,
we will cable back to McKinney that we did our duty well.

A little story that appeared not long ago in a Spanish comic paper shows how Spaniards thought of their navy before the present events. A Spanish Admiral touching at some foreign port, in the natural course of the calls on the Governor of events local fort, and on the return call the Governor sees the one little gun of the Spanish man-of-war run out to fire a return salute; but at the critical moment the Spanish Admiral rushes up and throws the gun carriage and all, into the sea. "What!" exclaims the distinguished visitor, "why do you throw your Government's guns overboard?" "Because," replies the Admiral, "if the gun had gone off it would have blown this whole ship to pieces! That means another decoration for me!" "How's that?" "For my courage in saving this ship from destruction."

Spain's Motto: Remember the fate of our fleet by Dewey, and everlastingly keep out of reach of all other American naval ships, lest a like calamity befalls you—Cevero, and he lives up to the order.

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The Rush-Lights.

The last regular meeting of the Rush-Light club for the term of 97-98, was with Miss Merritt, Thursday afternoon, the twenty-sixth. Frank R. Stockton's personalities were responses to roll call; then the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Miss Frances Abernathy was in charge of the recitation in history, embracing the regency and death of Cardinal Ximenes and a summary of the golden age of rule in Spain, the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella. Miss Wofford's paper, "A review of the late books," was not produced. Miss Clara Brooke the club's faithful pianist, treated the company to a bright two-step—"The Naval Reserve." Some revisions were made in the constitution and by-laws, some hints and helps given to the program committee and then the annual election of officers: Misses Pearson, president; Nelson, vice-president; Clara Brooke, secretary; Wofford, treasurer; Merritt, critic.

In the evening Miss Abernathy entertained the club with a few of their gentleman friends. A most pleasant and profitable term has just closed and it is with a feeling of reluctance that the club duties will cease for a few short weeks, yet it is to be hoped that in the autumn the Rush-Lights will begin work with renewed vigor.

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Bloomdale Club.

The entertainment by the Bloomdale Dramatic Club Wednesday night far exceeded the most sanguine expectations. The carefully prepared and gracefully presented recitations by Misses Tucker, Stewart, Lindsey and Mrs. Lanham were highly complimented by the vast audience.

The leading feature of the entertainment was a drama in four acts, entitled "Down In Dixie." The drama being a war play was unusually interesting. The first act beginning in the spring of 1861 and the succeeding acts describing thrilling scenes on through the war until peace is declared.

The stage which was erected on the north side of the school building was tastily and appropriately decorated with flags and bunting of red, white and blue. Each of the twelve characters deserve much credit for their successful acting.

A large amount of natural talent was displayed throughout. The costumes were suited to each scene, the stage scenery was cleverly managed, many of the scenes were thrilling, the tableaux exciting and the love-making so natural. While all crowned themselves with glory, special mention should be made of "Uncle Moseley" and "Susannah" the true to life negro characters.

The music by the Bloomdale string band, accompanied by the piano, was soul-stirring. "Dixie" and "Yankee Doodle" were among the selections.

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FARMERSVILLE ITEMS.

Death and Burial of W. D. Swindell—Populist Precinct Convention.

May 24, '98.

Yancy Powell, candidate for tax collector, was in Farmersville last week.

There will be singing at Prairie Grove school house on the 5th Sunday in May. Everybody invited to come and bring books. the program will begin in the morning and last all day.

Mrs. G. Goldberg and children left on a visit to relatives in Dallas Friday.

W. J. Freeman was in the city Friday.

Mrs. S. M. Vernon and children who have been visiting in the city left for their home in Comanche Friday.

W. D. Swindle, well known in this community, was struck by lightning near Pilot creek last Thursday and instantly killed. We learn that he was horseback at the time, and leading another animal, and both of the animals were killed by the same bolt. This is sad news indeed to his many friends. Mr. Swindle was lately nominated by the populist convention for constable of this district. To his bereaved family we extend our sincere sympathy. He was buried with Masonic honors the following day at the Murchison cemetery. The remains were followed by a large crowd of friends and relatives.

A MAN OF RESOURCES.

"I don't know that I need any work done about the house. What can you do my good fellow?"

"Sir, in my day I've been a carpenter, a barber and a school teacher. I can shingle your house, your hair, or your boy."—Exchange.

Dr. U. M. Browder has offered his services to the federal government. Dr. Browder's friends in Texas may expect to hear from him at the front if other volunteers are needed. The following in reference to the matter is self-explanatory:

Executive Mansion, Washington, April 8, 1898.

Dear Sir: I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, tendering your military services if they should be needed, and to state that what you say in this connection has had the President's attention. By the President's directions your communication has been forwarded for the consideration of the Secretary of War.

Very truly yours,

JOHN ADDISON PORTER, Secretary to the President.

Rev. U. M. Browder, Kirksville, Mo.

The Budget of Definitions.

Key-ring—The sound issuing from a piano.

Kleptomiss—A girl who steals kisses from a man.

Revenge—A gun that kicks harder than it shoots.

Jealousy—The greatest vice of the smallest minds.

Heir—One who has money left every time it is spent.

Matrimony—About the worst joke a woman can play on a man.

Politician—A man who shakes your hand one day and you the next.

Sensible—The man who is frank enough to admit his lack of sense.

Childless—The woman who thinks her baby is not superior to all others.

Luck—Something most men get in large quantities of the wrong kind.

Wynna At Wylie.

Wednesday was a big day at Wylie. The pleasure of the occasion consisted of a ball game between the Wylie and Plano teams, a speech by Hon. Dick Wynne and other smaller attractions and the crowd was charged with enthusiasm. Among the McKinneyites there, was Doc Turner, with his large portrait of Wm. J. Bryan, and he says the watchword of the day was, Bryan, Wynne and free silver.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

Tom—Do you have any trouble meeting your creditors?

Dick—No. It's easy enough to meet them—the trouble is to avoid them.

The discussion as to Admiral Dewey's politics has so far evolved nothing. Nobody knows whether he is a democrat or republican. There seems no doubt, however, that he is a Baptist, judging from the way he immersed Montijo's squadron.

THE MILITARY COMPANY.

The Company Permanently Organized And Officers Elected.

Since the second call for volunteers was issued, the McKinney boys have taken renewed interest in the organization of a company to respond to the second call for volunteers. A meeting was held at the City Hall Friday night at which the organization was voted permanent and permanent officers elected. A proposition from Plano was considered, in which the Plano company offered to join the McKinney boys with thirty-five men, provided they be given the first lieutenancy and the proposition was accepted.

The election of officers were as follows.

Mr. Jas. F. Rhea was elected Captain, Court Overaker of Plano and Hugh McDonald Lieutenants, Jno S. Dowell, Richard W. Burrage, Mack Ogilvie, Fred G. Burnett and Hugh L. Kirkpatrick Sergeants, subject to the approval of the Captain.

Each of the officers as elected were called upon for a speech and eloquence and patriotism mingled with the cheers which greeted each newly selected officer.

All present seemed higly pleased with the men on whom the honors had been conferred and were enthused with renewed interest in the organization.

When the Plano company of thirty five men are enrolled on the present list the number will aggregate ninety eight, and the boys will have a sufficient number to muster in at once on the first movemement of volunteers to fill out the quota of the second call. Verily McKinney and Collin county are up to the standard on patriotism. The company will meet again Monday night.

Warm Times.

(AIR—HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN.)

Late in the night, so all the papers say,
The Maine, at anchor, in Havana harbor lay,
When a mine was exploded beneath her in the bay.
'Twas a sad time, a sad time,
On that warship that day.

For two years or more Spain has sought to do us harm,
She blew up the Maine, now for her we'll make it warm;
If she thinks we will not fight, let her come down on the farm,
And we'll show her, we'll show her,
What Texas can do.

Morro Castle, they built her strong and tight,
But if she don't surrender, or tries to show us fight,
We'll turn our big guns on her, and blow her out of sight,
There'll be a warm time, a warm time,
In that Castle some day.

Admiral Dewey, whose hair is turning gray,
In the darkness slipped into Manilla bay,
And then the Spaniards saw, at the break of day,
There'd be a warm time, a warm time,
On the first of May.

Admiral Montejo's a fighter he did boast,
But when he met our Dewey, he reckoned without his host,
For when the fight was over, ten Spanish ships were lost,
'Twas a hot time, a hot time,
Off Manilla that day.

Admiral Sampson will run Cervera down,
He'll sink the Spanish ships, or run them all aground,
And when that job is finished, he'll take Havana town,
'Twill be a warm time, a warm time,
For Blanco that day.

There is General Shafter, and our own Fitzhugh Lee,
Who with the brave old Gomez, will set poor Cuba free,
They'll hem Havana in by land and by sea,
What a hot time, a hot time,
In Cuba 'twill be.

Those Spanish soldiers, at boasting they do well,
But when they meet the Yankees a different story tell,
For with our 12-inch guns we'll blow them all to — well,
There be a warm time, a warm time,
For Havana some day.

When the war is over, for Spain we wish no harm,
We'll call our boys home, and they'll go down on the farm,
And lay their guns away and go to raising corn
When the hot time is over,
In old Cuba.

—JAMES T. FORBES, Allen Texas.

Definition of Term Knot.

"What is a knot as applied to a ship's speed?" For the benefit of our readers we give it. A knot is a nautical mile and contains 6080.27 feet, while our land or statute mile contains 5280 feet, hence a knot mile contains 807.7 feet more than a land or statute mile. A vessel sailing at the rate of 25 knots an hour is moving at the rate of 29 miles an hour if applied to railroad trains. Vessels making 25 knots an hour reel off almost as much distance as any passenger and more than most mail trains. Let two large vessels come together moving at the rate of 25 miles an hour and it will not require a court of inquiry to determine the result.

A Lady Gets the Money.

Sherman, Tex., May 26.—In the case of Susan E. Tozer vs. the estate of Frank McNeeley, deceased, transferred from the county to the district court, there was a judgment this afternoon in favor of the plaintiff for the sum of $1,000. The plaintiff appeared in court with a letter written by the deceased, in which he stated that he considered her (the plaintiff) as a sister, and that as he had just taken out life insurance policy for $3,000 she could consider herself $1,000 better off. The district court held the letter was a will.

THE OREGON IS AT HOME

All Are Well After the Long Voyage of Sixty-Six Days.

Key West, Fla., May 26.—The Oregon's twenty-five officers and her crew of 435 seamen were well and happy when the battleship cast anchor off Sand Key light at 6:30 this morning. The Oregon is in firstclass condition and ready for another cruise as long as the one just ended. The excellent condition of the men after the 66 days' voyage is perhaps even more remarkable. Throughout the entire trip there were no cases of serious illness and the men are as eager for immediate activity as if they had just come home from a vacation in the mountains.

From Mobile.

Mobile, May 23, '98.

Dear Mother:—I received your letter and everything you sent. Have just been to town for some writing paper, stamps, together with some soap to do my washing.

I was handed my U. S. shirt this morning and guess we will get other things this evening.

I am alright now, so don't worry. Yesterday was Sunday and I did not know it until this (Monday) morning, so you can imagine how we are getting along; everything is so much nicer here than it was in Austin. We have a Y. M. C. A. here and they have good books, papers and any old thing you want to look at in the way of pictures.

Tell the Courier that the second regiment arrived this a. m. and consequently more of us Texas fellows are here for inspection. The people here think we are a lot of cow-boys, and that some of us have horns. They come over to our camps very often to see how we perform.

I will not be surprised if we go to Cuba. I will go any where; I say this because we are told not to be surprised at any order from our Uncle Sam.

Regards to all.

Your son,

MARCUS H. JOHNSON.

A CAVALRY MOVEMENT.

Mr. Scott Phillips May Organize a Troop.

Dallas, Tex., May 25

W. S. Phillips, McKinney,

Dear Sir—Yours to hand and contents noted. Your references are all O K and we feel satisfied that you would do credit to our Cavalry troop. The organization will be similar to that of the the old Texas Rangers or Roosevelt's Rough Riders now at San Antonio. If we are required for Texas frontier service—which is possible—we shall have to furnish our own ponies, but if we are sent to the front "Uncle Sam" will supply us.

We may have another call at any time, after which we shall write you further information; Meantime we would be very glad to have your assistance in securing some good men—men who can face fire and know how to handle carbine and pistol. Excowboys, rangers and old frontiersmen preferred. There is no examination forms, and men of 50 years, if experienced, are better suited than "green horns," no matter how high or healthy they may be. But you will know just about what we need. Do not reject a good and fitting man because he has no horse—at the same time, it is well that all have, or can procure horses if needed. If you can get 20 men so much the better.

When we have further orders from Governor Culberson we shall let you know.

Very respectfully,

A. F. and E. S. O. BEVINE.

All parties desirous of joining the cavalry are requested to give their names to Mr. Phillips at once.

Big Conflagration.

One of the most destructive conflagrations that has ever occurred in the city of Dallas occurred Friday evening. Six large business buildings were totally wrecked, among which were those of the Dorsey Printing Co., Edward Lehman, Saddlery and harness, K. Shields & Co. Paints, C. L. Mistrot, Dry Goods, all situated on Elm Street and Pacific Avenue. In their heroic efforts to prevent the spread of the flames J. W. Cowman was caught under some falling timbers and it was beyond the power of any human efforts to rescue him and his expiring groans were audibly heard by bystanders, among them was his father. Four others received painful injuries.

THE SPANIARDS BOTTLED AND CORKED.

Key West, May 26.—The Oregon arrived here this morning.

Washington, May 26.—Gen. Miles and staff will leave probably the latter part of this week for Tampa.

Madrid, May 26.—Manila dispatch says Americans attempted to land arms and ammunition Binacayan. The Spanish troops permitted the landing and then captured the stuff.

Washington, May 26.—Nothing known of the reported explosion on the Baltimore. Gen. Long discredits it.

St. Petersburg, May 26.—Yekaterinodar dispatch have received official reports of a snow storm which began April 15th and lasted a month causing great destruction. It shows 35 humans, 9,410 horses, 29,923 cattle, 114,018 sheep, goats and swine perished in same.

Madrid, May 26.—Financial difierences in the cabinet threatens a ministerial crisis.

Key West, May 26.—The Oregon is in splendid condition and ready to sail as soon as coaled.

New York, May 26—The Washington Journal special asserted that McKinley offered Spain the Phillipines and Porto Rico if Spain would give up Cuba. But his offer was refused by Spanish officials.

New York, May 26.—The army will wear Knickerbockers, a bid was asked for 40,000 duck suits with short pants.

London, May 26—North German Lloyd Steamer Harvel sailings have been cancelled. Officials say they heard it had been sold to Spain, adding that it was first offered to the United States.

New York, May 26—Refugees from Sagua la Grande, Cuba, reported that the poor classes were starving.

Washington, May 26.—Cabinet meeting is discussing the question of the invasion of Cuba and Porti Rico.

Key West, May 26.—It has developed that attemps were made by Spanish sympathizers to blow up the Oregon, at Rio Janiro, while coaling. The attempt was unsuccessful as it was discovered just in the nick of time. It was found that 30 dynamite bombs were placed in the coal.

Calcutta, May 26.—Steamers Mecca and Lindula collided last night near Sands roads. Mecca sunk and fifty persons drowned. Lindula arrived here badly damaged.

Seattle, May 26.—Anxiety over the Scooner Hera now a month overdue, has not been seen since the 18th of last month.

San Francisco, Cal., May 26.—Hawaii will probably be used as a base of supplies by the Phillipine expedition on account of the lack of transports. The ships which started yesterday will return for another installment of troops. Coasting ships will be used to carry troops to Honalula, thence to Manila by three transports.

Toronto, May 26—Prof. Goldwin Smith writes that he dont see the wisdom of the proposed Anglo saxon alliance. Cant hold together.

New York, May 26.—It is said in Spanish Colony that the spy arrested at Key West is not Sobrala

London, May 26.—Lloyd's dispatch from Lloilo says that American warships are reported cruising off Lloilo. Manila dispatch says the Cruiser Baltimore has been disabled by an explosion on board.

Key West, May 26.—It is known here that Cervera is helplessly bottled up at Santiago. American Naval officers are jubilant.

Hong Kong, May 26.—Capt. Concha, of the Cruiser Don Juan de Austria was engaged with Dewey at Manila and says the Spanish ships were in a disgraceful state. One of their engines was broken, while another leaked, one had only two guns fit to fire, and another only one.

Key West, May 26.—Fears are entertained for the safety of one Knight, a London Times correspondent, who left here four days ago in a small row boat for Havana. He was last seen by the captain of a dispatch boat in a rough sea, and has not been heard from since.

St. Johns, N. B. May 26.—An unknown steamer is asore 30 miles south of here and is a total loss. It looks like a war ship.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR INVADING CUBA AND THE PHILIPPINES PROGRESSING.

UNCLE SAM'S ALLEGED OFFER OF PEACE DENIED.

Tampa, May 27.—Maj. W. D. Smith of the secret service has returned. He made a daring sortie in Havana in Spanish uniform. He says the Spanish soldiers have been paid with gold brought by the Mouserrat; also states that there are 40,000 troops at Havana and 5,000 in the Matanza Province, and they are prepared to fight the Americans who can't come any too soon. There was a great quantity of supplies reached them through the Caribbean, Baracoa, Saqua la Grande and other ports.

Madrid, May 27—Annon, Minister of Marium, asserted in the Chamber yesterday, that when a suitable opportunity was offered the Cabinet would do its best to secure an honorable peace.

Washington, May 27—A suggestion was made at the state department yesterday by an Ambassador of one of the foreign powers, stating that if the United States would give up the Philippines and not capture Porto Rico, Spain would give us Cuba. The reply he received was that no proposition of peace would be entertained until Cuba was under our control and Porto Rico taken.

Madrid, May 27.—Superior Dominican Friars received a cablegram from the Insergent Anginaldi, saying they would support Spain.

London, May 27.—The Steamer Harvel was sold to a Hamburg merchant for an Italian company.

Key West May 27.—Spanish privateers sailed close here. Bancraft chased them and they are probably fighting now.

Chicamauga, May 27.—Three spies are suspected to be in camp and will probably be arrested before night.

Washington, May 27.—It is stated that Havana will be attacked next week as a result of a war conference this morning. 75,000 troops will be sent there. An expedition will be sent to Porto Rico simultaneously. Troops will also be rushed to the Phillipines. Plans have already been laid, on positive information from Schley that he has Cevera in Santiago harbor.

Madrid, May 27.—Weyler declares that Cuba will be lost unless he is sent there. Once there he would invade the United States.

Key West, May 27.—West of Havana yesterday an auxiliary vessel exchanged shots at two small Spanish gun boats with no damage. She chased the Spaniards into a river, where they couldn't follow them. Three men, said to be Spaniards, attacked the guards at Fort Taylor this morning. A sergent was wounded in the arm in an exchange of shots. The strangers escaped.

Key West, May 27—There are some strange vessels off San Key light, fifteen miles southeast of here. Naval officers believe them to be the advance guard of the Spanish fleet. There are enough vessels here however to hold their own with them.

Chattanooga, May 27.—The fifth regiment Missouri volunteers arrived at eleven this morning.

Key West, May 27.—Miguel Jover and the Catalina were released by the prize court. The United States will take an appeal. The Pedro and the Guide were condemned and ordered sold. The United was condemned with her cargo and ship ordered sold. The Panama cargo was released.

Madrid, May 27.—The Imparcial says that Cervera is in Santiago harbor.

Berlin, May 27.—A dispatch from Erfurt reports serious rioting at that place on account of local grievances. The troops charged on them and injured twenty persons.

Mobile, May 27.—The Alabama and Texas regiments received their uniforms and their rifles are expected in a few days.

Washington, May 27.—The steamers China and Colon were chartered for the Philippine expedition This makes five already secured for the second expedition. The Pueblo, Cleveland and the Queen, of the Pacific coast line will probably be taken also. It is intended that the second expedition will start Thursday.

Washington, May 27.—Inventor Holland's offer to blow up Cevera's fleet was declined on the ground that vessels owned by private parties would virtually be declared privateers.

FORCES ARE MOVING TO TAMPA.

AN EARLY INVASION OF CUBA EXPECTED. OTHER CONDITIONS UNCHANGED.

Key West, May 28.—After the demolition of some small forts at Cienfuegos last Tuesday Schley delivered to the insurgents 60,000 rounds of amunition and provisions.

Atlanta, Ga., May 28.—A private letter received from a Georgia volunteer says that it is believed that 10,000 of the United States troops landed at Bellaires on the coast of Cuba. It is positively estimated that the landing cost the Spaniards 200 men. The Spanish fort was harmless.

Kingston, Ja., May 28.—A dispatch boat which saw the Scorpion, of Schley's fleet, arrived here yesterday. She brings news that Cevera is not at Santiago. Schley has left there on a hunt for him.

Kingston, May 28.—The gunboat, Eagle, arrived at Port Antonio with dispatches from Washington. They have been with Schley off Cienfuego. They are reticent as to what the dispatches contain.

Washinton, May 28.—Nothing official is given out of Cervero's whereabouts, if they are known.

Boston, May 28.—A dispatch from Kingston, Ja., says there are persistent rumors, unconfirmed, that Schley has forced the entrance to Santiago harbor, destroying Cervera's squadron and afterwards bombarded the town.

Washington, May 28.—121,000 have been enlisted under the first call.

Hong Kong, May 28.—Manila dispatches say the insurgents at Cavite, under Aguinaldi are supplied with arms and ammunition and are expected to considerably assist the Americans in attacking Manila. Troops from San Francisco are expected on the 14th of June. The report that Montejo would be court-martialed is not credited here.

Atlanta, Ga., May 28.—500 recruits left for Tampa this afternoon. They were very enthusiastic despite the fact that a great many of them had no hats and their clothes were in a disgraceful condition.

New York, May 28.—A Journal dispatch from Cienfuegos says the British Steamer Audula was released by the Spaniards.

Key West, May 28.—Reports are now current that Cervera's fleet has possibly eluded Schley and escaped from Santiago. Until this morning there was a feeling of confidence that the Spaniards had been cornered.

San Antonio, May.—Roosevelts Rough Riders were ordered to move to Tampa today.

Springfield Ill., May.—The Seventh Regiment of Illinois volunteers go to Dunn Loring Va., today. One regiment remains at Camp Tanner.

Seattle, May 28.—The schooner the City of Sitka has been given up as lost. She left Sitka ten weeks ago with 300 on board

Key West, May 28.—Schley now has Cervera at Santiago. This is positive.

Key West, May 28.—Sampson is taking no chances of Cervera being bottled up at Santiago. The greatest vigilence is kept to prevent him from getting to Havana.

New York, May 28.—The Times reports that the Journal Yacht Bacaneer was captured by the Spanish off Porto Rico, the correspondents were put aboard a German vessel for Germany.

London, May 28.—A Madrid dispatch says it is officially announced that the Spanish reserve squadron, under Camara, has left Cadiz. She has ten or twelve ships in the squadron. Destination unknown.

New York, May 28.—The government has chartered the Auxiliary Cruiser New York at $2500 a day.

Viena, May 28.—Madrid advices say that a deep perturbation was caused by the trip of Mr. Gosbe[illegible] the head of the British admiralty to Gibraltar.

Key West, May 28.—Capt. Fain of the Spanish Steamer Catalina says that he don't b[illegible] Cervera is in Santiago Harbor. He says that Cervera is too good a strategist to be caug[illegible] trap. He thinks Cervera has a surprise in store.

Chicago, May 28.—Seventy-two naval reserves left here for Tampa this morni[illegible]

A CLEAR HEAD; good digestion; sound sleep; a fine appetite and a ripe old age, are some of the results of the use of Tutt's Liver Pills. A single dose will convince you of their wonderful effects and virtue.

A Known Fact.

An absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, malaria, sour stomach, dizziness, constipation bilious fever, piles, torpid liver and all kindred diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

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For Tax Collector
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For County Surveyor
ED H KEEN

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1
SAM H FOX

For Justice of the Peace Precinct 1.
W. L. YARBROUGH
J. T. ANDREWS.

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

TUESDAY MAY 31.

J. P. Crouch is in Dallas today.

Old papers at this office for sale 25cts per hundred.

Esquire Watson, of Weston, is here today.

Ice cream freezers, screen doors and windows at Asbury & Nelson's

Dr. Edwards is confined to his bed with a severe case of illness.

Scholarships for Sale or Trade.

Two business scholarships for sale or trade. Call at this office.

Master Merrill Mack spent Sunday with his cousin, Joe Bomar, east of the city.

America's greatest medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cures when all other preparations fail to do any good whatever.

Crutches, any length, at Smith Bros.

Miss Della Allison arrived home last night from a several months' stay at Norman, O. T.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant laxative. Regulates the bowels, purifies the blood. Clears the complexion. Easy to make and pleasant to take. 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

The cheapest place to get Window shades at J. T. Nale's, next door east of postoffice.

Diamond dyes all colors, at Smith Bros.

Cure that Cough with Shiloh's Cure. The best Cough Cure. Relieves Croup promptly. One million bottles sold last year. 40 doses for 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Largest stock paints, oils, varnishes, window glass, brushes and wall paper at very low prices. City Drug Store,

The Nickle Store next door to postoffice has what you want.

Master Willie Mack spent Sunday with his cousin, Lon Holder, east of city.

Oil for wagon and buggy axles at Smith Bros.

Mr. Geo. McKinney is in Dallas today on business for McKinney & Hill.

Dyspepsia Cured. Shiloh's Vitalizer immediately relieves Sour Stomach. Coming up of Food Distress, and is the great kidney and liver remedy. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

WALL PAPER. WALL PAPER. All the new patterns from 5c a roll up, at City Drug Store.

The best and cheapest place in town to buy house furnishing goods at J. T. Nales.

Country Lard Wanted.

I want country lard, and want it immediately. Will pay cash or in trade. T. J. MELTON.

John Lockheart will move his family from near Copeville to McKinney next week.

Screen Doors and Windows, Screenwire, Cloth, etc., very cheap at J. T. Nale 1 door east of postoffice.

Window glass all sizes, at City Drug Store.

The Nickle Store has a big stock of useful goods too numerous to mention and too cheap to steal.

Bird seed, our own mixing, at Smith Bros.

For groceries, fresh, staple and fancy go to Goostree & Houston.

Invest your nickles judiciously if you would accumulate dollars. The way to do it, trade at the Nickle Store

Ladies, Take the Best. If you are troubled with Constipation, Sallow Skin, and a Tired Feeling, take Karl's Clover Tea, it is pleasant to take. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Chill tonics, quinine and baby foods at Smith Bros.

Old papers 25cts, per hundred at this office.

Pure whiskies, wines and brandies for medicinal use, at City Drug Store.

Jesse Martin of Melissa is here today.

If you ask what is the quickest, best and safest Chill Tonic, the answer will invariable be, "My friend, use Cheatham's; it is pleasant and guaranteed." Put up in both the tasteless and bitter styles. 50 cents.

Spectacles from 25c to $10 a pair at Smith Bros.

International Stock Food, 3 feeds fo one cent, for horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. Every package waranteed, at City Drug Store.

Joseph Rodgers and A. Fields pocket cutlery at Smith Bros.

Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla invigorates the nervous system, tones and strengthens the digestive organs, and at the same time eradicates disease. Fifty cents and 50 doses.

The Wells, Fargo & Co., Express office is being moved today to the second door north of McMullen & Forbe's.

We are proud of our grocery trade and customers and hope to number every reader of this among our customers who are not already.

Goostree & Houston.

Be not deceived! A Cough, Hoarseness or croup are not to be trifled with. A dose of Shiloh's Cure will save you much trouble. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Shoulder braces for either ladies or gentlemen at Smith Bros.

For county maps call on J. H. Jenkins.

Mack Ogilvie of Melissa, is spending the day with friends here.

Hunt's Cure for Itching Piles.
Hunt's Cure for Ringworm.
Hunt's Cure for Tetter.
Hunt's Cure for Eczema.
Hunt's Cure cures all Skin Troubles.

Wanted to Exchange.

An organ for a good gentle buggy horse. Call at this office.

Tin and Graniteware at J. T. Nales.

We are agents for the Ordway plaster, none better, Smith Bros.

50 different brands cough medicine. All the reliable kinds, at City Drug Store.

The household remedy is Hunt's Lightning Oil. All aches and pains quickly relieved. Satisfaction or money refunded.

Make your own bluing, we can sell you enough powder for 10cts to make one quart good bluing. Smith Bros.

We cordially invite our friends and the public to see us when wanting furniture, queensware, window shades, stoves or floor mattings.

Asbury & Nelson.

The candidates for county judge, justice of the peace etc. will speak at Lucas tonight. A large delegation from McKinney is expected.

Mr. P. Ketcham of Pike City Cal., says: "During my brother's late illness from sciatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords. For sale by City Drug Store.

The rich and the poor, the high and the low all trade at the Nickle Store.

Fine Wines for family use at Doc Turner's

Eat Goosetree & Houston's provisions. They are first-class and as cheap as the lower grades.

T. H. Conner, the photographer, took several views of the W. of W., at Blue Ridge Sunday and they are certainly up-to-date.

The best 5c cigar in town at Smith Bros.

SOMETHING NEW

5¢

Large premium of the world's best cleaner for a nickel. Still greater economy to spend it for. All grocers. Made only by THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Boston, Philadelphia.

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

Awarded
Highest Honors, World's Fair
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

Master Newman Smith received the prize for best attendance at the city school for the term just closed, he being absent only one day.

Borax, glue, Venetian red and cream tartar at Smith Bros.

J. T. Nale is headquarters for Queenware, Glassware and all other kinds of Tableware and the cheapest in town, 1 door east of postoffice.

The celebrated Old Crow, the O. F. C. and W. M. McBrayer brands of whisky's, at Doc Turner's, east side square next door to Smith Bros.

Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures the Chills, builds up the system and drives away all ills. It makes strong the weak and fattens the lean. It's the tonic of tonics, the best ever seen. Fifty cents.

Just received a large assortment of buckskin pocketbooks, 50c and up at Smith Bros.

Try Allen's Foot Ease.

A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen, nervous and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Goostree & Houston are among the largest grocery firms in North Texas.

Brison Scott, with Huggins' barber shop, spent Sunday with his parents near Blue Ridge and attended the unveiling of the monument.

Oil tar, pine tar, lobelie seed and indigo at Smith Bros.

Car load Collier's strictly pure white lead just received and for sale cheap at Wilcox & Son's Lumber Yard.

It makes no difference whether you do or not the Nickle Store is anxious for your trade.

Spalding base balls from 10c to $1.25 at Smith Bros., east side.

Best paint on earth, covers more and wears longest, looks best, full measure S. W. B. guaranteed, at City Drug Store.

Go to Goosetree & Houston's for spring groceries—they have them.

Dreadfully Nervous.

GENTS—I was dreadfully nervous, and for relief took your Karl's Clover Root Tea. It quieted my nerves and strengthed my whole nervous system. I was troubled with Constipation, Kidney and Bowel trouble. Your Tea soon cleansed my system so thoroughly that I rapidly regained health and strength. Mrs. S. A. Sweet, Hartford, Conn. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

All the standad brands of fine wines, whiskies and liquors at Doc Turner's Saloon, next door to Smith Bros.

Wm. O'Gwin and Eld. McKinney are going angling this evening and doubtless their friends will feast upon their return.

Skin Diseases.

For the speedy and permanent cure of tetter, salt rheum and eczema, Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment is without an equal. It relieves the itching and smarting almost instantly and its continued use effects a permanent cure. It also cures itch, barber's itch, scald head, sore nipples, itching piles, chapped hands, chronic sore eyes and granulated lids.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders for horses are the best tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. Price, 25 cents. Sold by City Drug Store.

The ladies of the cemetery association and all others who can come are expected to meet at the Bingham building Thursday morning to arrange for entertaining the delegates.

I was seriously afflicted with a cough for several years, and last fall had a more severe cough than ever before. I have used many remedies without receiving much relief, and being recommended to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by a friend, who, knowing me to be a poor widow, gave it to me. I tried it, and with the most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved me very much and the second bottle has absolutely cured me. I have not had as good health for twenty years. Respectfully, Mrs. Mary A. Beard, Claremore, Ark. Sold by City Drug Store.

The following pupils of the 6th grade of the McKinney Public schools received the greatest number of headmarks this term; Elkin Franklin, Gibbie Caldwell, Mattie Higgins, Merrill Mack, Grace Harding, Alice Lewis, Sam Hynds and Frank Lafon.

Cold drinks and mineral water at Smith Bros.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Bettie Lee Parker, Wednesday evening, June 8th at 5:30 o'clock to Mr. Walton Fahm of Dallas. The nuptials will take place at the home of the bride's father, Mr. R. L. Parker, on College Hill.

B. F. Huggins is keeping up the "racket" on east La. street with his grinding machine, after an extended trip to Fort Worth and other cities.

Sweet oil and vinegar make a good furniture polish: we can furnish sweet oil. Smith Bros.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1.

Mr. Will Dowlen of Denison, is visiting relatives in the city today.

Big lot of Window Shades just arrived at the Fair.

Mrs. Harrington left this morning for a visit to Plano.

Mrs. Dr. Foote has returned from a visit to Clarksville.

Curtain Poles at the Fair.

Several members of the B. Y. P. U., of this city will attend a meeting of that organization at Plano tomorrow.

Mrs. Dr. Wiley and daughter, Mary, left today for a visit to Mississippi.

Bad management keeps more people in poor circumstances than any other one cause. To be successful one must look ahead and plan ahead so that when a favorable opportunity presents itself he is ready to take advantage of it. A little forethought will always save much expense and valuable time. A prudent and careful man will keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house, the shiftless fellow will wait until necessity compels it and then ruin his best horse going for a doctor and have a big doctor bill to pay, besides; one pays out 25 cents, the other is out a hundred dollars and then wonders why his neighbor is getting richer while he is getting poorer. For sale by City Drug Store.

Eld. Jas. N. Crutcher of Whitesboro is in the city this evening. He will go to Plano and preach tonight and return tomorrow to attend the big convention.

Hammocks at the Fair.

Mrs. Fields and Miss Corrie Dulaney returned yesterday from a visit to Dallas.

Glasses 6 for 25 cts at the Fair.

Mesdames J. H. Walton and Fred Emerson are visiting in Sherman.

The Modern Beauty

Thrives on good food and sunshine, with plenty of exercise in the open air. Her form glows with health and her face blooms with its beauty. If her system needs the cleansing action of a laxative remedy, she uses the gentle and pleasant Syrup of Figs, made by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

More goods for less money than any house in town at the Fair.

Delegates will be expected to arrive upon each of the eight incoming passenger trains over the H. & T. C. Ry and over the S. P. S. S. tomorrow, to the number of from five to eight hundred—McKinney will do the honors.

Notions of all Kinds at the Fair.

Dr. N. B. Harlow, of St. Louis, has permanently located in McKinney, for the practice of medicine. While a young man, he nevertheless, has had much practice and experience in his profession and expects to soon build up an extensive practice in McKinney and Collin county. His office is on the west side of the public square, up stairs over Jesse Shain's.

Milk coolers at the Fair.

How's This.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last fifteen years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

West & Truax, wholesale druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, wholesale druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A nice line of shoes now at the Fair.

Rev. J. W. Stephens has arrived in the city, he comes to enter the duties of the pastorate of the C. P. Church, a position to which he was recently chosen. A hearty welcome is extended this brother and hope that his sojourn may prove to be long, useful and pleasant, with his people.

Richardson & Hinman.

If in your good paper
We can have a little space,
We will write a little; but
We hope not out of place.

Come see us, good people.
When troubled with your hair.
We trim it up to please you;
Long, short, round or square.

Come try our choicest sea foam,
And finest dry shampoo;
We use the finest razors
And the sweetest lathers too.

In everything pertaining
To the barbers line
We are up to date,
And simply superfine.

And though we are so clever,
Our charges are so small,
As those of other artists
Who take the skin and all.

—Ed & Will at the Foote House Barber Shop. McKinney, Texas.

In Storm Houses.

A refreshing shower cooled and purified the atmosphere Tuesday night. High wind prevailed about 1 o'clock which caused many of our citizens to retreat into their storm houses. The elements were vivid with the electrical display—inspiring and grand to behold.

The commencement exercises of the McKinney College will take place at the opera house tonight.

Miss Lucile Wilson, of Allen is visiting in the city.

Croquet sets at the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hill returned last night from a visit in West Texas.

Mr. J. R. Looney, of Brownwood returned home this morning after a visit to relatives here, accompanied by his sister, Mrs Isola Kerr.

The Governor has given out that under the present call for soldiers this state will have about 2400. 1326 to be used to fill up the four regiments already enlisted to their maximum of 106 to each company.

Dr. E. E. King will preach the commencement sermon for the North Texas Normal College next Sunday at 11 a. m., at Denton. He has just declined an invitation to hold a meeting at Hot Springs Ark.

Are You Weak?

Weakness manifests itself in the loss of ambition and aching bones. The blood is watery; the tissues are wasting—the door is being opened for disease. A bottle of Browns' Iron Bitters taken in time will restore your strength, soothe your nerves, make your blood rich and red. Do you more good than a special course of medicine. For sale by all dealers.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued in the County Clerk's office since last report:

W B Craft to Miss Mary B Levins; E Leese to Mrs. Mary A Chambers; James Wm Wallace to Mrs. Nancy Anderson.

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	4.50 to 5.70
Wheat per bus	90 to 95.
Corn per bus	30 to 35cts.
Oats per bus	21 to 23 cts.
Hay baled per ton	$6.00 to $6.50
Millet hay per ton	$5.50 to $6.50.
Flour per cwt	$2.90 to $3.15.
Cotton seed per ton	$8.00.
Baled Oats per ton	$5.00.
Meal per bus	45 to 50cts.
Straw per ton	$4.00 $4.50
Chops per cwt	75cts.
Bran per cwt	75 to 80cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 12½cts.
Eggs per doz	7 1-2 to 10cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2.50 to $3.00.
Hogs per cwt	$3.75 to $3.90.
Beef on foot per cwt	$2.25 to $2.75.
Beef dressed per lb	5 to 6cts.
Dressed pork per lb	5 to 5.25cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.75 to 2.25.
Irish Potatoes, per bu	75 to $1.00.
Sweet Potatoes, per bu	50 to 75cts.

Commencement Exercises.

Tuesday night being the occasion of the seventh annual commencement of the McKinney Public Schools a large and critical audience early assembled at the opera house to enjoy the programme of literary and musical selections given by the graduating class of '98.

Each of the essays was a literary gem and judging of the ability of the composers by their brilliant productions we predict that in the near future our little city will be proud to add some refreshing authors to the field of literature.

These young graduates to show their loyalty and patriotism wore nestling among the fragrant cape jassimines, badges of the red, white and blue.

The one young man graduate has no doubt taken the immortal Dewey as his ideal and will like him do something grand and glorious for his country.

Miss Nannie Moore had the honor of being valedictorian and Miss Norma Page, salutatorian.

The song, "What did Dewey do?" by little Miss Pauline Rogers was quite a success.

Miss Cameron's solo was rendered in her usual charming style.

Miss Addie Kerr, one of Prof. Schimmelpfennigs' graduates rendered a sweetly sad piano solo, entitled "The Last Hope."

The entertainment was an enjoyable affair and only needed Hon. J. M. Pearson to add the finishing touch by giving one of his characteristic addresses so full of humor and good advice to those quitting school life to begin the duties of Life's school.

FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT.

An Eminent Physician's Services at the Command of Our Readers.

Everyone Is Invited to Consult Him, Without Cost.

The most common seat of disease, as everybody knows, is the blood—for it has been proven that seventy-five per cent. of all human ailments are directly traceable to an impure condition of the vital fluid. The medical profession everywhere recognize that there can be no health unless the blood is absolutely pure.

They know, too, the difficulty of successfully treating blood diseases. It requires a special study and skill which the average physician has not attained in his active practice. The Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Georgia, proprietors of the celebrated blood remedy, S. S. S., has a department of medical consultation, which is in charge of a corps of competent and skillful physicians. They invite every reader of this paper who is afflicted with any form of blood disease, to write them, stating their case fully, and giving all symptoms. Everyone suffering from Catarrh, Cancer, Rheumatism Scrofula, Eczema, Tetter, Contagious Blood Poison, Boils, Pimples, old running Sores, Chronic Ulcers, etc., should not fail to take advantage of this offer, as there is absolutely no cost whatever attached to it. Each case will be given special attention, and valuable information in regard to treatment promptly furnished by return mail. Address all letters to the Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

PRINCETON PICK-UPS.

Sudden and Pathetic Death Of Mrs. W. T. Williams—Another Lady's Demise.

May, 30th, '98.

Mrs. E. J. O'Gwin has gone to Lebanon to spend several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Mallow.

Dr. D. H. Hancock of Farmersville was in our village Friday.

W. B. Trotter has been confined to his bed with an attack of malarial fever for ten days.

E. W. Hickman went over to Greenville Saturday and returned Monday.

The citizens of Princeton hoisted a good sized United States flag Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The pole stands in front of the stores and near the railroad track. Old Glory floats on every passing breeze and can be seen a considerable distance.

Eld. J. B. Gotcher a primitive Baptist, preached at the school house Sunday.

Miss Addie Wilson accompanied Miss Kate Wilson home from school in McKinney Friday and remained over until Sunday afternoon.

W. C. Cloyd is adding to and otherwise improving his residence south of Princeton.

Copeville I. O. G. T. Lodge has invited Princeton Lodge to assist in a joint literary and musical entertainment at Bethany school house the latter part of June.

The Methodist protracted meeting will begin first Sunday in July.

Truly, "in the midst of life we are in death." Mrs. W. T. Williams retired to rest last Friday night in apparently her usual health. About 11 o'clock she sat upright in the bed and exclaimed to her husband, who was yet awake, "I am dying," "I am not afraid to die." A runner was dispatched in all possible haste for a physician who arrived in a very few minutes; but medical skill was not necessary, the life of Mrs. Williams went out like the flame of a candle blown by a sudden gust of wind. She lived just thirty minutes from the time she awoke. We record this death with deep sorrow on account of our friendship to the family, yet in the assurance from her own lips that "all was well with her soul." She was fifty-six years old, a member of the Disciple church, and a truly good woman. Her bereaved family will sadly miss the familiar sound of her voice and the touch of her hand; they will miss her words of advice and love, but God's ways are not our ways. To the husband, daughter, and large family of boys—all young men—we would say prepare to meet your companion and mother in the other and better world. The ties of earth are loosed that we may be bound by stronger chords to heaven. The body of deceased was taken to Wilmeth cemetery, north of McKinney for burial.

After a lingering illness of several weeks with typhoid fever the weary soul of Mrs. S. M. Barnes sought rest in the brighter world last Tuesday morning. All that was mortal of her remains was consigned to mother earth in Princeton cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Elders. John M. McKinney and J. J. Huddlestone officiating at the grave. She leaves a husband and seven small children disconsolate. Peace to her ashes and sympathy to the family. Indeed the garnering minister of the skies has been reaping a harvest in our community during the past few weeks.

A large crowd went from here to attend the Baptist fifth Sunday meeting at Altoga.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Busby's baby has been sick for a week or ten days and is in a critical condition today.

Sunday afternoon Alma Wilson, his wife and baby Doyle, and daughter Kate, and sister Addie started to McKinney in their carriage. When only a short distance from home the horses took fright and began running. In making a sudden turn in the road the carriage was overturned on a wire fence. Mr. Wilson was caught underneath and severely bruised. To the astonishment of all, the ladies and baby escaped with only slight injuries. Had the horses not torn loose from the vehicle dangerous wounding and perhaps loss of life might have occurred.

Mr. Harrelson's vocal class meets every Sunday night at the Methodist church for practice.

A committee has been appointed to solicit subscriptions for the building of The Good Templars hall. J. F. S.

COLLIN POPULISTS.

In County Convention—State Chairman Bradley Present—Proceedings Harmonious and in Full.

The initiative of their 1898 Texas campaign was made at Farmersville, Saturday May 28, by the Collin populists.

Pursuant to call of the county executive chairman, E.C. Forbes, published in the THE DEMOCRAT heretofore, the county convention assembled in the public school building in the said city at 10 a. m. and was wrapped to order by that party official. According to apportionment, only 96 delegates could be chosen, most of whom were present, but outside of the delegates the attendance was light. The busy season no doubt kept many away who would otherwise have been present. Right here it might be said the Spanish war is swamping politics in overshadowing interest. Candidates even find it difficult to attract attention of the "dear people" from the all-absorbing war question long enough to "tell their troubles."

The body was present for business and the delegates proceeded to get about it without much parleying or delay.

E. W. Kirkpatrick was called to preside temporarily and Walter B. Wilson was elected secretary. L. A. Sears of Farmersville, F. C. Thompson, of McKinney, and J. F. Wester of Weston composed the credentials committee. The committees on Rules and Order of Business, Permanent Organization, and Resolutions were grouped in one and E. C. Forbes of Anna, E. A. Guynn of Weston; Dr. W. T. Fuller of Pike, W. R. Todd of Princeton and M. N. Stroup of Verona were appointed to report for these usual committees. Pending the deliberations of committees state chairman J. S. Bradley of Waco who was present, addressed the convention. Mr. Bradley is a courteous speaker to opponents, logical, forceful and entertaining. He heaped no vituperation on anyone. He attributed honesty of convictions and sincerity to the masses of all political parties. He appealed to reason and not to the prejudices of his hearers. By virtue of his position at the head of the populist state executive committee much opportunity is afforded him to get at the true political status of the party in the state and he is very hopeful of reform's future in Texas. His mind is stored with a fund of valuable information and every populist in the county should have heard him. Afternoon the committees reported.

The temporary officers were retained. The nomination of a county ticket was postponed until after the state convention in July.

E. C. Forbes and Walter B. Wilson were each unanimously re-elected chairman and secretary, respectively, of the county executive committee for another two years.

The following resolutions were adopted:

ANTI-FUSION.

"Whereas, The actions of certain element in our party, who favor fusion and combination with other parties to secure officers are detrimental to our party organization, therefore be it

Resolved, that we are opposed to fusion with other parties who hold views on the questions at issue not in harmony with our platform, but we invite all persons who favor a clean and economical administration of state and local governments, to unite with us in the campaign of 1898."

STATE CHAIRMAN ENDORSED.

"Whereas, The gallant fight made by our campaign manager in the state campaign of 1896, in the face of a combination of the most disadvantageous circumstances that ever confronted a political party deserves the greatest praise, therefore be it

Resolved: That we commend the courageous conduct and masterly skill of our state chairman J. S. Bradley and indorse him for re-election to the position which he now holds."

CUBAN SYMPATHY.

"It is to be deplored that the dark clouds of war hover over our nation. The armies of America and Spain are today called to battle for supremacy on land and sea. All hopes of peace so much desired by the liberty loving citizenship have vanished. We believe that all populists of our county, state and nation are peaceful, liberty loving people who stand today as in the past acting as mediators, with one hand on the throat of the anarchist and the other on the throat of the cormorant. Our sympathies are with those who struggle for political freedom in every land of every clime and it being the object of our government in the present crises to assist in promoting freedom and relief to the suffering Cubans, we trust that all will give patriotic support to the government in its trying to bring to a speedy close the present war with just as little expense and bloodshed as possible."

Barney Gibbs' name was enthusiastically received and the popular mudsiller endorsed for governor without a dissenter. Only earnest pleading by Mr. Kirkpatrick could prevent the convention from endorsing him for congress.

F. C. Thompson proved to be Collin's choice for congressional chairman for the next two years and his candidacy will be pushed in the other counties of the district for the place.

Fifty delegates were then chosen to the state convention, who will also serve as congressional delegates, and the convention adjourned to meet subject to the chairman's call at the earliest date practicable after the state convention in July.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

E. W. Kirkpatrick,
F. C. Thompson,
A. S. Graves,
John Doyle,
E. C. Forbes,
E. F. England,
Geo. B. Kindall,
S. A. Todd,
W. A. Holder,
Abe Enloe,
L. Cameron,
John Johnson, Sr.,
J S Cameron.
L. A. Sears,
Ben King,
M. N. Stroup.
Steve Shipman,
Wash Gruffith,
S C Thompson,
B C Reynolds,
R D Hickman,
C C Brown,
J R Self,
L L Miller,
J L Perkins,
Ed Brown.
J F Cave,
S L Bradshaw,
T C Martin,
J J Sportsman,
J S Dorn.
E A Guynn,
J F Wester,
J E Bateman,
A D Stelzer.
W F Bedell,
R T Spivey,
James Caliway,
A F McDonald.
R T Quisenberry,
R C A Thomason,
W S Collinsworth.
J T Procter,
Bob Douglass,
J Y Bowen,
W S Cox,
Homer Rich,
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T A Pruett,
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E L Williams,
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Dr. W T Fuller,
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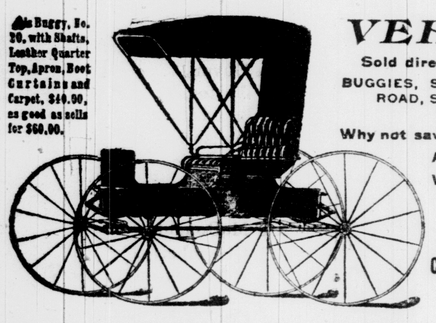

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LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings o Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

MONDAY MAY 30.

Miss Norma Pardue is quite ill today.

Bascom McKindrie has returned to his home at Rockwall.

Miss Mai Allen visited in Dallas yesterday.

W. H. Simmons of Dallas, is here today.

Miss Nellie Tefteller, of Bonham, is visiting relatives in the city.

Master Joe Largent received some very severe bruises by an accidental fall at school this morning.

Peoria, May 28.—(Special to the Courier.) One thousand employees struck here today for increased wages.

Messrs. Pattie and Echols, of Van Alstyne, were visitors in our city yesterday.

Hons. John Doyle and J. M. Muse attended court in Greenville Saturday.

Mr. Walton Fahm, of Dallas, visited in the city yesterday.

Mr. Robert Peck, of Vernon, has returned home after a few day's social visit in the city.

T. Z. Dies, now located at Paris, spent Sunday with his family in the city.

The popular druggists, Smith Bros. are now putting in electric fans and an arc light.

Miss Addie Wilson returned last evening from a visit at Princeton.

W. W. McDowell and Cliff Emerson are on a trip this afternoon in west Collin.

Mrs. G. W. Taylor and little baby returned Saturday to her home in Waxahachie.

The banks and postoffice are closed today in celebration of decoration day.

John McDuffie came down from Sherman Saturday evening, and returned yesterday, accompanied by Master George Willis.

Mrs. M. L. Kelley and children of Sherman, spent Sunday with her brother, W. M. Kelley, of our city.

Mr. Joe Cline, after spending Sunday with his family here, returned to his place of business at Melissa this a. m.

Rev. J. W. Hill preached to the negroes in their Methodist church yesterday at 4 p. m

Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Parker returned to Plano on the 6:20 train last evening after a visit to relatives here.

On account of the entertainment tonight the Rathbone Sisters will not meet until tomorrow at 4 p. m.

Harvesting has begun and the threshers are at work in Dallas county.

Hons. W. T. Beverly and G.R. Smith spent Saturday in Kaufman county in the interest of Hon. J. R. Gough's candidacy for lieutenant governor.

Mr. Penn, of Sherman, is now numbered among Smith Bros'. efficient corpse of drug dispensors.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Everett returned to Farmersville last evening. They came over Saturday evening.

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The C. W. B. missionary society meets at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon (instead of Wednesday) at the Christian church. All members expected.

Mr. Jas. G. Fields left for his farm in west Collin this afternoon, where he goes to begin cutting wheat.

W. E. Frances, of Celina, passed through McKinney Saturday en route to Rattan, Delta county, where he may possibly locate permanently.

While out driving yesterday the team of Mr. Alma Wilson, a prominent Princeton merchant, ran away throwing his family from the carriage. Mrs. Wilson and children sustained slight injuries.

Mrs. T. H. Emerson returned this morning from a visit to her daughter Mrs. Roy Anderson, of Greenville, who has been quite sick.

Prof. Smith for many years superintendent of the McKinney schools is in the city. It is understood that he will be an applicant for the position of superintendent of the Greenville schools.—Greenville Banner.

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The new Baptist parsonage is nearing completion. Carpenters are now engaged in hanging the doors and putting in windows. Paper hangers are also at work and the painters are displaying their artistic taste having treated the cozy pastor's home to one coat of paint already.

After an absence of one year in San Antonio, the family of Dr. J. P. Webster has returned. Before returning to McKinney, Mrs. Webster and children visited several weeks in Mississippi where they were met by Dr. Webster who accompanied them home.

Dr. H. L. Pearson returned Saturday night from a month's stay in Chicago and reports a very pleasant trip. He says that great enthusiasm prevails throughout the north and he brought home a large flag as a result of the desire to display his sentiments on the subject.

"Rebecca's Triumph."

The "Dramatic Darlings," sixteen of McKinney's fair damsels, presented a pleasing drama entitled, "Rebecca's Triumph," in this city Tuesday evening.

The audience, though not as large as it should have been, was a very appreciative one, and those who had the pleasure of attending are prone to express their admiration for the young ladies in their attainment of high rank in the dramatic era. Their efforts were indeed successful and praiseworthy.

Music was furnished by the McKinney orchestra, which in itself was a rare treat, and the play throughout was highly entertaining, Miss Lindsey being declared the star of the evening.

Should this company of cultured and refined young ladies visit our city again we feel sure they would be greeted with a much larger audience —Plano Star.

Masonic Election.

St. John's lodge, No. 51. A. F. and A. M. held their annual election of officers Saturday night with the following result:

Jno. D. Page, W. M., George Wilcox, S. W., J. M. Martin, J. W., R. F. Dowell, sec'y., W. B. Newsome, treasurer.

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MRS. F. C. THOMPSON.

The editors of Texas who are so fortunate as to be members of the "Texas Press Association" left Dallas on the morning of May 24th, accompanied by their wives and daughters en route to Eureka Springs of Arkansas to take part in the Tri-State meeting of quill-pushers, the states represented being Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, also Oklahoma Territory. Mr. W. A. Tuley, traveling passenger agent of the "Frisco Line" graciously chaperoned the the crowd, drawing attention to points of interest, giving vivacious bits of chit-chat concerning the country, winning the good will of all his associates, and, being a bachelor we fear he unconsciously captured the hearts of several fair damsels.

The Santa Fe route with its chair cars and other coveniences afforded utmost comfort—but—"There is never a day so sunny, But a little cloud appears," and the mirth and gaiety of the party was suddenly enveloped in a cloud of fear. Leaving Seligman a station 19-miles from Eureka a whisper began to float about and rumor, unsafe bridges on the Eureka Springs Railroad caused by recent washouts. Sure enough a few miles from Seligman the train came to a standstill, passengers were told they would be compelled to walk across three trestle bridges which were unsafe for trains to attempt. Then it was that this great body of "Wit, Wealth and Wisdom," realized the gravity of their situation and with the serious knowledge that they held their life with frail pinions, they courageously braved danger and marched forward. Beyond the danger line they were accommodated by elegantly (?) furnished box-cars and flat-cars. Over the mountain and through the vale we sped (?) with ease (?) arriving at Eureka at 2 o'clock in the morning. Resting from this time until 6 o'clock one is surprised to awake and find himself so refreshed. No lazy sluggish feeling is present at this awakening! The eyes open to look upon the beauties of this gem of nature and the lungs inhale the pure mountain breeze! Every heart is soothed by peaceful sympathy and every soul a-pires to lofty ambition!

Eureka! Oh Eureka! Thy gem of nature's pen,
Thrice bless'd art thou with glory,
To sooth and comfort men!
For who can gaze upon the sheen,
That seems on yonder clime,
To meet the sky with rapturous kiss,
And feel not more sublime?
And who could climb thy rugged way,
With mountain zephyrs fanned,
And fail to revel in the glow,
Of buoyant health so grand!
And who could drink the sparkling draught,
That bubbles from thy springs,
And be not fill'd with grateful love,
Till heart-glad peans sings!

The "Mysterious" Seven

Hon T. F. Vaughn and Messrs. John R. Smith and Tom W. Perkins, candidates for local representative of Collin county, and H. L. Davis, Wallace Hughston, George Hardin and T. S. Jackson, candidates for county attorney, better known as the "mysterious seven," will speak at the following times and places:

FIRST WEEK.

Copeville, Monday, June 6th, at 8 p.m.
Lavon, Tuesday June 7th, at 8
Millwood, Wednesday, June 8th, at 8 p. m.
Josephine. Thursday, June 9th at 8 p. m.
Nevada, Friday, June 10th, at 8 p. m.
Farmersville, Saturday, June 11th, at 2.30 p. m.

SECOND WEEK.

Longneck, Monday, June 13th, at 8 p. m.
Lick Prairie, Tuesday, June 14th, at 8 d. m.
Lucas, Wednesday, June 15th, at 8 p. m.
St. Paul, Thursday, June 16th, at 8 p. m.
Murphy, Friday, June 17th, at 8 p. m.
Wylie, Saturday, June 18th, at 8 p. m.

THIRD WEEK.

Allen, Thursday, June 23rd, at 8 p. m.
Renner, Friday, Jnne 24th, at 8 p. m.
Plano, Saturday, June 25th at 3 p. m.
McKinney, Saturday, June 25th, at 8 p. m.

Other candidates will be given time to announce. Everybody invited.

PARABLES OF THE CHRIST:

A Message to The Father's Children.

By
JAMES WALLER THOMAS,
McKinney, Texas.

Parables of the Blood.

The blood of the Christ may be likened to a wine, pressed from grapes growing in the gardens of the Immortals, which, when drank understandingly, fills the soul with unutterable joy and abiding peace.

Again, it resembles a tiny seed, warmed into active life by the Sun of Righteousness, and expanding into a tree, in the shade whereof the weary pilgrim may rest and be comforted.

And yet again, it may be likened to a measure of oil placed in a temple of Beauty, and kindled by the touch of a Wonderful Light into a flame, which dispels the inner darkness and gives light and guidance to all around it.

Parable of the Christ.

While meditating on the subject of the mountain and the unfinished portion of the parable, there stood beside me one as the Ancient of Days, who in tones of loving compassion thus addressed me. "My son, you wish to know more of the mystery of the mountain. Look at it again, and look very attentively, first at its base and then at its higher portions." When I did as directed, I discovered that the mountain was not a mountain, for the pebbles of which it appeared to be composed, though united, were distinct, each having a life and motion of its own. I slowly raised my eyes and saw that the mountainous mass grew brighter the higher my vision reached, and that finally its outlines were lost in a brightness far exceeding the brightness of the sun, for possessed of a pebble, like unto the pebbles that lie at the base of the mountain, is drawn by its wonderful power to a harbor of safety near by, which is known to many as the Haven of Eternal Rest.

THE MYSTERY OF THE MOUNTAIN.

The Christ is like a mighty mountain, situated in the Summer-land of the soul, with its base near the farther shore of a great river. The mountain has such marvelous properties that every one who is embarked on the river, and has become it had in truth become a Mighty Sun sending its rays afar into space, and apparently reaching the outermost verge of the material universe.

THE PEBBLE CLEFT FROM THE MOUNTAIN.

My Instructor next called my attention to a ball of silvery thread, which he held in his hand and began to unwind. I watched the thread with attention, and when many hundreds of coils of thread lay at his feet, he paused at an apparent knot in the thread, which he invited me to scrutinize very closely. This I proceeded to do. At first I saw a small lump as of clay, without comeliness, which gradually changed its shape until it grew into the form and proportions of an unborn babe. It was alive, and yet it was dead. While I gazed upon it in admiring wonder, a ray of light from the mountain suddenly rested upon it, and the dead was made alive. The body had become full of light.

"Thou hast seen one, thou hast seen all," said my venerable guide.

I pondered on what had been shown me, and received instruction.

Bryan's Break

Lincoln, Neb., May 23.—There was a secret meeting of the members of company A, (Bryan's) of the Third regiment tonight. Horace Greely Whitmore was elected captain. Bayan was a candidate for captain, but opposition developing against him, he withdrew to avoid a bolt of about forty members, all enlisted in the Nebraska artillery. The understanding now is that Governor Holcomb will appoint Bryan col. of the Third. There is a general belief, even among the party friends of Bryan that he has hurt himself politically by his excursion into military matters.

THE FLAG.

We are in the midst of a flag famine and it is estimated that no less than one million editions of old glory have been sold to private parties for use in patriotic demonstrations since the Maine was sunk in Havana harbor, so that although we are still well supplied with copies of the national ensign the demand on the few manufactories who deal in flags has been far in excess of the supply.

Flags may be had of all sizes and at all prices, from the small penny affair which decorates the hat of the small boy to the 30 foot silk and linen banner which sells for $150.00 Since our people decided to hoist Old Glory to the breeze at McKinney, considerable investigation has been made as to the best place to secure a suitable piece of bunting with plenty of stripes but as little "red tape" as possible, and at last the order has been forwarded for a suitable edition of the Star Spangled banner for immediate delivery and it will be raised with appropriate ceremony immediately upon arrival.

Editor Harris Honored.

The Texas Press association concluded the business part of the meeting at Eureka Springs, Ark., Friday after the election of officers for the ensuing term. Editor E. W. Harris, of the Greenville Herald, was elected assayist, a position to which much honor is attached. Other officers were elected as follows:

President, John G. Rankin, Brenham Banner; vice-president, W. H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin; second vice-president, Fred B. Robirson, Huntsville Item; third vice-president, T. H. Napier, Winsboro Wide-Awake; secretary, W. H. Neal, Dublin Telephone; treasurer, C. F. Lehman, Hallettsville Herald; orator, Judge N. A Cravens, Willis Index; poetess, Mary Jane Cox, Forney Messenger.

Cleburne was selected as the place of meeting next year.

M. H. Byrne and Gabe Lucas were business visitors to Farmersville Friday.

Mrs. T. H. Emerson and daughter, Miss Mary, went over to Greenville Friday evening.

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Farmersville populists nominated Steve Shipman, Saturday, to fill the vacancy on their ticket caused by the death of W. D. Swindle. The latter and his team were killed May 19 by lightning about 4 miles this side of Farmersville in the public road. His was the second death by lightning in East Collin during a period of ten days.

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